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We need substance not style, Prescott tells Blair

Exclusive interview: Labour's deputy 'uneasy' about change

Chief Political Correspondent John Prescott yesterday warned Tony Blair that

Labour's general election campaign had to be built on "substance not soundbites". His remarks amount to the

clearest appeal so far to Mr Blair to heed the anxieties of the grass roots about the pace of changes being inflicted upon

In an exclusive interview for the Independent before leaving for a formight's break in America, the Labour deputy leader also warns Mr Blair that the party is "uneasy" about the pace of change. Party unity was being stretched so much, he said, that MPs bad voted for people "they couldn't stomach" in the recent Shadow Cabinet

Mr Prescott, who yesterday left for a holiday with his wife, Pauline, in New England before attending the Democrat convention in Chicago, wants Labour to avoid Americanstyle negative campaigning.

The success in rebutting lies is one thing - there are some things you can use - but British politics is more about substance of ideas and less about the image, though I fear we are drifting in that way.

"I think this election has got to be about ideas, principles and substance and not simply image, because that is the one thing that unites all parts of the

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You need an enthusiastic party amongst the converted, the returning ex-Labour voters. I hope to provide that role.

"I have tried to do that with the spirit of '45 [a pamphlet highlighting New Labour's links to the post-war Attlee government which introduced the Welfare State]." Mr Prescott wanted it to



emphasise the continuity -

our policies against that and not necessarily against soundbites can carry both.

"here's our principles and our ideas; they are connected; they are not uncoupled; they are as one. It's Labour changing

"Providing we still can judge

through its phases, dealing with different problems, which I called traditional values in a modern setting.

and headlines, then I think you the Road to the Manifesto "The party has had more discussion about change than it ease over the pace of change. Glenda Jackson fights them on the Benidorm beaches, page 2

has ever had before. There is an uneasiness about change, as when change follows change, follows change. Sometimes policies seem to appear rather quickly. I think this has left the party feeling a little uneasy. But overwhelmingly, the party wants to win the next general

election. "That is Tony Blair's overall consideration. All of us will look at the political environment in which we are operating. We don't operate in iso-lation. It isn't really the case that Tony Blair dictates the po-sition – he is a person who des-perately tries to find an agreement. He is the leader. Lead-

ers are controversial." The deputy leader admitted he had had disagreements with Mr Blair, but they were mainly over Labour's press coverage.

He had persuaded Mr Blair to go ahead with the shadow cabinet elections in which Harriet Harman was re-elected. and Mr Prescott was responsible for "heading up a team to see that people voted for the status quo.

"That was one of the greatest acts of discipline by the Parliamentary Party that has ever been recorded. There were lots of MPs voting for people they couldn't stomach, but they did not want to provide division. They knew the importance of it. It was not given

proper recognition." Mr Prescott has gone on holiday after showing his loyalty to the leadership in dismissing the concerns raised by Ms Short. But he has become convinced of the need to exercise more influence over the direction of the party in the run-up to the general election.

Mr Blair is planning to use campaign to answer some of the criticism about Labour's un-

day for joy, drama and jubilation



DOUL HINGUL and FRAN ABRAMS

Some comprehensive schools are getting better A-level results than the 160 remaining grammar schools, according to a survey by the Independent.

As 250,000 candidates received their A-level results yesterday, Fulford School in York came top in the survey of 200 comprehensive schools. The Liverpool comprehen-

the Blue Coat School which will become selective next year, came second. Throughout the country there were scenes of celebration and sorrow as A-level candi-

dates discovered whether they

had made the grade for university. The pass rate for the exam has risen by 1.8 percentage point this year to a record level of almost 86 per cent. The percentage gaining top A and B grades was 34 per cent.

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Lord Henley, the schools minister, denied that higher pass rates meant easier exams. He said on BBC Radio Four: "If everyone can reach the gold standard they should be entitled to get it, as long as we make sure standards are maintained and the currency is not devalued,"

There were remarkable success stories. Several schools reported pupils with six A grades. They included Matthew Weston, 18, of Skegness Grammar

School, who is going to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, to read maths and Jeremy Brookman, of King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys, a Birmingham grammar school, who will read maths at St John's College. Oxford.

Rebecca Williams, of Durham Johnston comprehensive, who cannot write because of a condition affecting her tendons, scored three As after

dictating her exams to a teacher. Pal Dwyer, the deputy head. said: "It was very difficult for Rebecca as she couldn't take any notes in lessons to revise from. And obviously, it must be very difficult to articulate your thoughts in an exam situation

and then dietate them." An 11-year-old London boy passed an A-level in computer science after only nine months' study. Alp Bora Toker gained a C after attending Northwood Computer Tutorial Centre.

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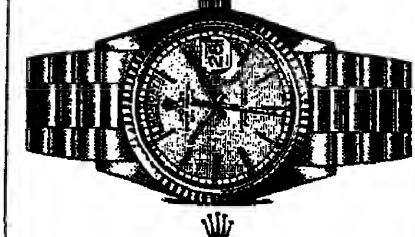
The Portman Group, which represents 95 per cent of the United Kingdom drinks industry, yesterday admitted that some companies are breaking its code of practice in promoting the new alcoholic "soft drinks" in such a way as to appeal to children and

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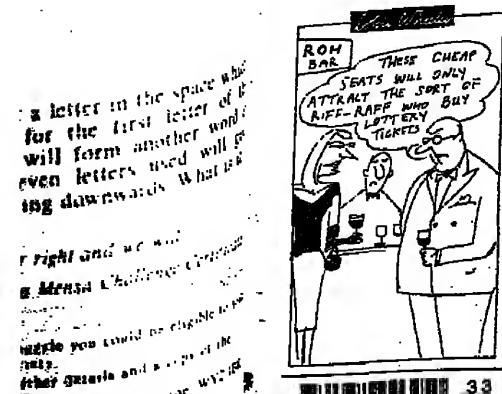
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Arts News Editor

The Royal Opera House is planning to bow to years of public unease over its ticket prices and reduce them under a confidential plan now being discussed by ROH executives.

More than 500 seats every night will be under £20 for opera and £10 for ballet, according to radical proposals to make the publicly funded Royal Opera House more accessible. This could involve the controversial step of applying for more lottery money, even though the ROH has already

had £78m for its redevelopment. .It will almost certainly involve: helping the poorer opera-goers by increasing prices for the very rich and the corporate customers who can expect to pay £300 plus a seat when the Royal Opera House reopens af- Britain that an endowment Arts Council have said they

ter its two-year closure in 1999. fund was used to cut the cost of At present, only about 200 seats are under £20 for opera; and top prices can go as high as

£250 when Pavarotti or Domingo are performing The private paper being studied by the Royal Opera House board has been written by Keith Cooper, head of corporate affairs. It proposes creating an endowment fund of £25m which

£1.5m to be used to make ticket price reductions. The money would come from the special appeal fund that . Vivien Duffield, chairman of the Royal Opera House Trust, is launching this autumn to raise private money to go towards the

redevelopment This is expected to raise we reopen. We should be able £100m, which will leave sufficient to create the endowment. It would be the first time in other lottery application, the

seat prices. A number of options will be considered by the ROH board,

chaired by Peter Gummer. They include percentage price reductions on all tickets, targeted reductions for specific groups; price reductions for selected shows and in selected parts of the theatre; a loyalty card scheme with price reducwould give an annual return of tions for regular patrons. But whichever option is cho-

sen the ROH will soon announce a commitment to reopen in 1999 with 500 seats a might under £20. A senior source at the ROH said: "We are determined to have the headline 'Opera

House To Reduce Prices' when to do this from an endowment fund, but if we have to make an-

commercial sense to reduce prices for those who have no problem paying some of the current prices. It does seem clear that the Royal Opera House will have to raise the money to keep prices

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down itself. The prospect of more lottery cash is remote. An Arts Council spokeswoman said yesterday that another Royal Opera House lottery application would certainly not succeed under the present rules; and even when the rules are changed next year to allow applications for money to increase accessibility, a successful

Glenda stepped over the beer bellies and breasts to launch Labour's oddest campaign

Wearing a red jacket and black slacks, Glenda Jackson yesterday strolled along the beach at Benidorm between the bare breasts and beer-bellies to deliver Tony Blair's warning against "Tory lies".

The former Oscar-winning actress approached startled holidaymakers on their sun-beds in temperatures soaring into the Eighties to hand out sticks of rock with "Tory lies" through the

Labour's special campaign whirly hats were in more demand in Benidorm than last week in Cleethorpes when John Prescott took Labour's "sum- a break ... same old Tories, mer offensive" to the beaches same old lies."

The Spanish resort is famous for its sun, fun and sangria, but there appeared to be at least some, limited, interest in socialism.

One topless sunbather, Helen Fayle, 20, from Co Durham, said: "It's so mad, it's brilliant. It's a really original

Ms Jackson posed for the photographers between two burly engineers from Stockport. Alan Turner, 35, with the word "Tracey" tattooed all over one shoulder, said: "Where's Susannah York and Reedy?"

But the star of Women in Love had moved on to more sunbathers to remind them that the Tory lie-machine would be working at home after their holiday.

In one of the strangest press conferences Labour has staged, Ms Jackson, with the Mediterranean lapping over her sensible shoes, said: "I have only met smiles. If I was here day after day. I would think that the reaction would change, but that is not the point. This is to highlight the same old Tory lies at home and what Labour stands for,

She unveiled a poster in Alicante on the main road to the Spanish resorts, along which

Hampstead's MP is taking the message to the Costa beaches.

> **Colin Brown** reports

British tourists who come each summer. Arriving for their holidays, they will see Labour's message: "No wonder you need

Miss Jackson, shadow transport minister, was also keeping within Labour's campaign budget. She travelled in economyclass seats with the other trippers.

As a film star, Ms Jackson, who won a second Oscar for A Touch of Class, had a reputation of being a dream to work with. In spite of the sticky temperatures, she proved a trouper for Mr Blair's campaign team yesterday, obliging the cameras by walking around the beach when they wanted to get a topiess bather in focus. "I am not a great holiday person," she said. Miss Jackson prefers spending. her holiday in her garden in south London but plans to travel Eurostar to Paris for a break.

The serious message behind yesterday was that Labour will not allow any let-up, even during the traditional ceasefire of the holiday period, against what it believes is the most offensive campaign ever waged by the Tories - the "Demon Blair" ad-

Before flying back to London. Ms Jackson said that she believed the Tory campaign would backfire on Brian Mawhinney, the Chairman of the Conservative Party. But the sunbathers in Benidorm can rest easy now. The Tories have decided to travel some of the four million leave the beaches alone.



Dazzling performance: Glenda Jackson puts the case under the Spanish sun

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Pail companies were told to "get their act together"

yesterday after a passenger watchdog revealed that complaints about travel on the newly privatised railways were at an all-time high. The Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee criticised a lack of investment which had resulted in poor punctuality and fears of a further

decline in services because of privatisation.
According to the CRUCC's annual report, 11,640 complaints were made by travellers during 1995-96. Of those, most complained about punctuality, refunds, station information and confusing or inefficient fares and marketing policies. Gripes about the poor condition of trains rose by 78 per cent, complaints about overcrowding by 48 per cent, complaints about information by 42 per cent, and criticisms of poor punctuality by one-third. David Bertram, the CRUCC's chairman, said the companies had not addressed the problem of a lack of investment, particularly on the West Coast Main Line, the scene of last

week's fatal train crash near Watford Junction. John Bowis, the Transport minister, responded to the figures saying. "In the period the report covers, the vast majority of services were still run by British Rail. That situation is now changing fast. As more and more of the passenger train companies pass into private hands I expect the quality of service to continue to improve." Steve Boggan

Caroline Dickinson are due to arrive in Britain any time from today to resume the investigation. John Albon, Assistant Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police, said yesterday that the officers were expected in Launceston, Cornwall, some time over the weekend to recommence interviewing the party of 39 pupils, five teachers and a coach driver who travelled with Caroline.

The 13-year-old pupil from Launceston College was raped and murdered in her dormitory on a school trip to Pleine-Fougeres in Brittany four weeks ago. An initial investigation led to a swift arrest, but the man was subsequently cleared by DNA tests. The resumed inquiry will take place under English law and a team of 15 to 20 Cornish officers will be in charge. The process is expected to take "several weeks". It is not known whether the French police wish to take DNA samples from five boys who were on the trip, but English law means such tests are voluntary n cases where there has not been an arrest. Louise Jury Section Two

The resignation of Sir Frederick Crawford, the head of the new body for investigating miscarriages of justice, was called for yesterday following the disclosure that he is a senior Freemason. Sir Frederick, chairman of the Criminal Cases Review Commission which later this year takes over responsibility for referring suspected miscarriages to the Court of Appeal, is an office bearer in the Holy Royal Arch. Senior police officers including the last three Commissioners for the Metropolitan Police, have all

declared it preferable for officers not to be Freemasons. Chris Mullin, the Labour MP who played a key role in the Birmingham Six case, said: "I did not believe [the Home Office] would be daft enough to appoint a Freemason to a post as sensitive as this ... if Sir Frederick is interested in justice ... he ought to be considering whether he is the best person for the job." The Home Office declined to confirm yesterday that ministers and officials knew of Sir Frederick's membership when appointing him. Patricia Wynn Davies

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olidaymakers' hopes of last-minute bargains were dashed yesterday when top tour operators raised their prices. Actions: First Choice and Sunworld all said they were putting prices up as demand for late summer deals was exceeding supply, and the Association of British Travel-Agents warned that in future the best deals would go to the early bookers. "Demand for summer 1996 is now so strong that late-availability prices are now higher than brochure prices, so we are increasing the brochure price," Airtours sales and commercial director Steve Endacott, said. Last autumn, all the major tour operators slashed the number of holidays they were offering and with companies determined in future years to keep supply more closely allied to

demand, the days of the late bargain could be over.

rew error was to blame for the grounding of a Norwegian oil tanker near the entrance of the Milford Haven tanker port in Wales, an official Department of Transport accident report concluded yesterday. The Borga ran aground just three months before the Sea Empress struck rocks nearby in February, but in the earlier accident there was no oil spillage because the 112,000-tonne Borga had a. double hull. Human error is also believed to have been the cause of the Sea Empress's disaster, but the official report of that will not be published for several months. Nicholas Schoon

yesterday, 24 hours after their chairman quit following a vote of no confidence in him and his chief executive by 61- A. consultants. The resignations leave the Morriston NHS Trust in Swansea with just one non-executive board member. The chief executive. Tony Beddow, was last night under increasing pressure to resign in the face of the unprecedented action by the consultants, who were angered when two of their colleagues and another senior doctor were made redundant? The redundancies were later withdrawn, but that failed to placate the consultants. Roger Dobson

Police get tough on Internet porn

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

Police are threatening to prosecute companies that provide access to files containing hardcore pornography, including pictures of children, via the

Scotland Yard's club and vice unit has asked the firms to block access to known pornographic computer "newsgroups" or electronic noticeboards that thousands of photographs and video images.

Included in a list of 1.34 newsgroups the police want outlawed are: "sex bestiality. pictures", "sex.children", "sex. pedophilia.girls", and "sex.pedophilia.pictures".

But many of the service providers, who for a monthly fee of about £10 will connect people to the Internet, are opposed to what they claim is consorship and argue that it could result in more children accidentally seeing pornography.

At least 100 people or companies act as service providers in Britain, Chief Inspector Stephen French, of the vice squad, has written to many of the providers and posted a letter on the Internet warning that unless they block the pornographic material they could face prosecution.

Under existing obscenity laws, including the Child Protection Act and the Obscene nal offence to store child

Earlier this year Alban Fellows, a university researcher, was jailed for three years for however. running a child pornography li-

Chief Inspector French said: "We believe the service providers are just as liable to prosecution for distribution as the people who produce pomographic videos and mag- ly view.

"We want to work with the industry and get their co-operation, but there is another option if they refuse which is enforce-ternet.

One of the major problems facing the police attempting to control the growth of electronic pornography is that there are no checks on the source of data put on the internet's news-

There are about 16,000 newsgroups available globally on the internet, which are for the exchange of information.

Pipez, the second-largest Internet access company, has groups from its computers.

In January the US-based provider, CompuServe, cut off

deleted a "small number" of the There have already been

moves abroad to censor some of the material put out on the

Publications Act, it is a crimithe access of its 4 million members to more than 200 of its most pornography on any computer sex-oriented Internet newsgroups following inquiries from

German police. It has since restored them,

Stephen Dycr, chairman of the company Mailbox Internet, believes any move to block material could result in pornographic pictures being placed in other less explicitly named files which children may accidental-

He said: "I'm anti-pornography, but I'm against censorship and I believe this is not an efficient way of policing the In-

"I regard myself as someone who provides a service rather like BT - we are not responsible for what goes on the Inter-

Another provider. Andy Cowan, of Wave Rider Internet, has sent a message out on the Internet saying: "The letter from the Met[ropolitan police] makes it clear that this is they see fit over the coming

"We urge you all to protest this action - use the media, contact your MPs, generate whatever protest you see fit - or the UK Internet is going to be op-erated by the whim of the Clubs and Vice unit of the Metropolitan Police."

Zulu in custody row may return to UK

MICHAEL STREETER

A Zulu boy at the centre of a custody dispute between his natural parents and his "white mother" is expected to return to Britain. Sifiso Mahlangu, 11, is said to have been "desperately unhappy" living in his parents' township home near Johannesburg after he was flown back from Britain.

Salome Stopford, who has cared for the boy since he was 18 months old but failed to adopt him, was "very encouraged" by news that Sifiso's father, Charles Mahlangu, had decided he should return.

Mrs Stopford, from Maida Vale, London, said: "He has apparently gone on TV and radio .. saying that he is sending Sifiso back. But I am not going his return to South Africa, and



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to get my hopes up too high and I am waiting for him to tell me what is going to happen. I have spoken to Sifiso regularly since

The Mahlangus started legal moves to have him returned after discovering in 1994 that Mrs Stopford had launched an attempt to adopt him, and he

South African links.

was made a ward of court. The case went as far as the House of Lords before Mrs Stopford's application for it to be referred to the European Court of Human Rights was rejected. Sifiso was returned in May.

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Mrs Stopford used to employ

Sifiso's parents and brought

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Soames rolls over Thatcher

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The Tory split over Europe has only the beginning - they plan | triggered a skirmish between the On Scotland Yard's advice. to ban whatever newsgroups | party's version of a Churchill tank - the heavyweight defence minister Nicholas Soames and Conservative battleaxe are our close, close friends." Baroness Thatcher.

Hostilities broke out at a prime minister repeated her critical views about the Germans, provoking Winston Churchill's grandson to defend them.

Details of the conflict were disclosed yesterday by old Etonian Mr Soames, who said in a newspaper interview: "I had a frightful row with Lady Thatch- interests of the nation. ing on about the Germans sife, I have to tell you, the Bermans

He did not leak the content of Lady Thatcher's outburst, but private lunch after the former added: "Lady Thatcher and many within this country deeply resent the Germans,"

Mr Soames gave a taste of his robust counter-blast, saying: "I

regard the Europhobes' views as being damaging to the interests of our country, our party, and in every way the

er the other day. She was bang. . . "People's morale is bad because they're fed this crap in the papers about foreigners". At a Foyle's literary lunch to launch the final volume of her memoirs, The Path to Power,

Lady Thatcher said in June that Britain had not fought the last war "for the diminution of democracy in Europe under the domination of Germany",

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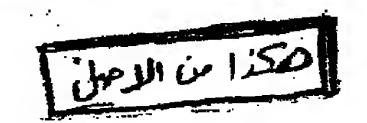
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When it's time to kiss and tell

Historic clinch is not what it seems

Rebecca Fowler

So a kiss is never really just a kiss. More than half a century after Albert Eisenstaedt captured the ecstatic VJ Day clinch between a sailor and a nurse in New York's Times Square, a 75-year-old war veieran has claimed he was the anonymous man in the picture and it was a fake.

Jim Reynolds, a retired machine operator from Chicago, insists he was asked to pose for the apparently spontaneous embrace with a woman he had never met, which was taken not on VJ Day, but three months before on VE Day. He also says Eisenstaedt set up several different shots before he was satisfied.

The photograph, which has become one of the most enduring images of the joy at the end of the war, appeared on the cov-Ler of Life magazine's commemorative edition on 27 August 1945. It showed a white-clad nurse leaning backwards with one foot in the air, as a sailor threw his arms around her.

Mr Reynolds said: "We'd docked earlier in the day, and everyone was anxious to go ashore. I was just walking through Times Square and this guy asked me if I wanted to kiss a pretty girl. I told him I had a girlfriend and I was getting married, and he said he wouldn't show any of my features."

He added: "He put us in a pose, there were quite a few poses because he wasn't satisfied. He had a certain idea of what he wanted. I didn't think about it at all until it appeared in Life magazine. Then I got tired of looking at the picture over the years and knowing it was a scam, that was taken on a different day."

The picture also provoked the fury of his mother-in-law and his wife, who instantly recognised Mr Reynolds on the Life cover and accused him of infidelity. He was Sable to use the date and claim quite correctly that he was in California on VJ Day.

After his wife became fatally ill last March, Mr Reynolds came across another Eisenstaedt picture which portrayed a Japanese figure after the atomic bombing. and he was angered that he had been used to portray the end of the war before it had really been brought to a close. He told his the Wall Street Journal this week.

Mr Reynolds said: "It was kind of bugging me that the scam was still taking place, and we were looking like there was the big sense of joy. But knowing what these guys were going through and the suffering they still had to face, it didn't seem right."

The magazine stood by its kiss yesterday, and insisted Time Life has documentation to show that Eisenstaedt had been assigned to work for them on VJ Day, but not VE Day. It also suggested hundreds of war veterans had claimed to be the sailor, and 11 had equally convincing stories. Alison Hart, director of public affairs,

said: "There have been so many over the years claiming to be the sailor, this is just one more. And any suggestion it was another day is absolutely incorrect. We have





pastor, George Byron Koch, who wrote to Doubtful double: Eisenstaedt's VJ Day clinch in Times Square and Doisheau's knage of a 'pleasant world', created near the Hotel de Ville, Paris in 1950

Eisenstaedt is on them."

She added: "The picture is so special because it just captured everyone's emotions at once. It symbolised all of America at that moment, and trying to find the exact people in it spoils the mystery. We should leave it alone, especially as Albert Eisenstaedt died last August, so we'll never really know."

But the shadow cast over the kiss in Times Square has placed it in a gallery of momentous images taken from all walks of life, including love, war and death, where there is doubt over the spontaneity or authenticity behind the photographs...

They include Robert Doisneau's best-selling portrait of a lingering kiss outside the

Hotel de Ville in Paris, commissioned by

the assignment lists for VI Day and Albert Life magazine in 1950; decades later a number of couples claimed they had been the young lovers. But the most determined, who said the picture was set up, failed to win a flagraising over two Jima in 1945, in which

share of the royalties in court. Doisneau, who died two years ago aged 81, also freely admitted that he enjoyed creating the image of a world that was not based on reality. He said: "I've created my own world pleasant and charming, it's the world I would like to live in, but don't think

for a moment that I'm duped by own lies." Another intimate portrait of every day life was the carefree picture of two young women on Blackpool promenade taken by Bert Hardy in 1951. It had the air of a lucky snapshot, but was in fact the result of a long afternoon photo-shoot in which he was

forced to use two chorus girls as models. There has also been controversy over great war images including Joe Rosenthal's

five marines and a Novy medic lifted the Stars and Stripes following the bloodiest battle in the Pacific in the Second World

It has been immortalised in a bronze statue at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington. But Rosenthal has spent the last 50 years fending off accusations that the stirring image was posed by the pho-

tographer after the real flagraising. Robert Capa's portrait of a loyalist soldier in the Spanish civil war, known as the Moment of Death, used by Life magazine,

has also prompted scepticism. It was ex-

posed by Philip Knightley, the historian, who demonstrated the same soldier had got up in another picture.

Mr Knightley said: "Life magazine presented it as the Moment of Death, and Capa was stuck with it from then on. What was he to do, say the picture that made his name wasn't true? He told a series of conflicting stories about what really happened from

But other experts have suggested it is the picture that should endure, not the circomstances in which it was taken. Francis Hodgson, a photography critic, said: "Time and time again these cases come up. But if the picture is wonderful, and it did what it was designed to do, so what? Nobody ever

said photography was a scientific record."

Secrets and lies that last a lifetime

Paul Vallely

There is more of it about than you might imagine. A 75-year-old American has confessed, after the death of his wife, to being the man in the celebrated photograph in which a sailor gave a passionate kiss to a young nurse in New York's Times Square on VI Day in 1945. But when it comes to guilty lifelong secrets he is not alone.

It is not just the famous who have something to hide. True, there was Marje Proops who revealed in her autobiography that her happy marriage was a myth which disguised a life-long infidelity.

Then there was the playwright JR Act. eries, who discovered when his father. Roger, died that the old man, a director of fruit importer Fyffes and an apparent pillar of bourgeous respectability, had led a double life, maintaining a mistress and three daughters for 20 years just a ten miles from the family home in Richmond. Just ask around the office and you will

find a forest of dark secrets which emerged. through confession or accidental disclesure. after a lifetime in the shadows. My immediate colleagues guiltily uncarthed: A maiden aunt who disappeared every Wednesday for 20 years to have sex with a married man.

A grandfather who, at his funeral, turned out to have another life and another family 50 miles from his first home; his wife thought he was a dissolute rake who spent his nights, and often subsequent days, in drunken gambling when in fact he had a pipe and slippers elsewhere.

A married aunt who, for more than two decades, vanished for a week three times a year. No-one knew where she went, She simply packed her bags and departed with the enigmatic words: "Welt, I'm off then." She took her secret to the grave.

"More secrets are kept than come out." says Dr Petruska Clarkson, a psychotherapist with 35 years' experience, "Often, the more solid a person looks, the bigger the secret they're hiding - secrets of sex. crime, money, abuse, scandal or lies about their social circumstances."

Indeed. Take the 1936 Olympic 100 metres dash runner-up, Stella Walsh. It was only in 1980 at a post-mortem after her death that it was revealed that Walsh, who had lived her life as a woman, had been born with "ambiguous genitalia". A highjumper at the same Olympics, Dora Ratjen, admitted 19 years later that she was in fact a man who had been forced by the Hitler Youth to compete as a woman "for

the honour and glory of Germany". "It can get easier with the passing years where people have kept a secret to protect someone else," says Dr Clarkson, "But where the secret is one of shame, which is in conflict with the moral sense, it can get harder and harder to stay silent.

"Privacy may be healthy, but generally secrets are not. People often find relief in confessing them to a priest or a counsellor. But it is better to deal with them early on." Do not say you were not warned.

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Neglect of slow pupils blamed for poor reading

DOUL HINDUL Education Editor

Schools' failure to pay enough attention to the slowest pupils, rather than trendy teaching methods, is to blame for poor reading standards among nineyear-olds, says an authoritative study published today.

The study, from the National Foundation for Educational Research, is a blow to traditionalists and Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools. They have argued for a return to such traditional methods as phonics.

Since the average reading ability of nine-year-olds has remained much the same since 1948, the report's authors say, a return to the methods of the 1950s would not help.

Between 1987 and 1991, there was a small decline in reading standards, says the report. But by 1995, standards had returned to the 1987 level.

The report compares the erformance in reading of 2,000 nine-year-olds in England and Wales with pupils of the same

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England and Wales came 21st. lowards the bottom of a middle group of countries whose scores were all close together. They were well behind the top group, which included the United States, Finland, Sweden, Italy and France but were only just below Germany, Canada and Hungary.

In common with other international studies, the report found scores in England and Wales were pulled down by a "long tail" of underachieving pupils. The report says part of the explanation may be a larger number of children with learning difficulties in mainstream schools than many other countries and the fact that we do not make the slowest pupils repeat a year.

However, the researchers argue that these two factors alone do not account for the high proportion of underachievers. One of the most worrying findings is that pupils tested in 1995 and 1996 made slower progress between the ages of eight and nine than they did in 1987.

are putting more energy into

getting seven-year-olds through national tests and neglecting other pupils, the report suggests. In addition, pupils start to

study a broader range of subjects between the ages of seven and 11, so that schools may spend less time reading. It concludes: "Since all surveys of methods of teaching reading show the great major-

ity of teachers use a mixture of

methods, it is extremely unlikely that pedagogical differences could influence all results. The stability of the long tail over time and across curriculum areas would seem to betoken a stubborn underlying tendency, namely that the British educational system pays too little attention to low

should pay them more." Tony Pugh of the Open University's School of Education said: "We didn't too terribly well, and we had a bigger spread of achievement than most countries.

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"One explanation may be that the national curriculum. That may be because schools with its emphasis on the normal, is not helping low-achievers."



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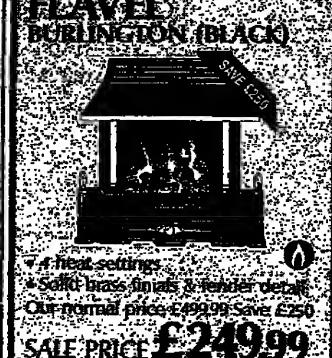
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New outrage over 'cull' of unborn twin

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

The bitter row over the selective abortion of twins took a new turn yesterday, with claims that the woman at the centre of the controversy lives a life far removed from that of an impoverished single mother originally described by her doctor.

Ms B, whose identity is protected by a High Court injunction, is a middle-class professional woman, who lives in London with her company director husband and their children, according to reports in the Daily Express. She underwent the termination of one healthy twin in March this year, and is now awaiting the birth of the

surviving baby.

Pro-life groups said that the truth about the woman's circumstances made the case "even more shocking", while Elizabeth Peacock, a Tory MP. called for reform of the abortion law to prevent the use of terminations as "afterthought contraception" by well-off par-ents who want to create designer

Queen Charlotte's Hospital, where the abortion took place, refused to confirm or deny the Express's claims yesterday, although it initiated the injunction after journalists approached Ms B at her home.

A spokesman said that some of the details about the woman which Professor Phillip Bennett, an obstetrician and gynaecologist at the hospital, had originally supplied to the Sunday Express - which first published the story - were deliberately falsified in order to avoid breachmg patient confidentiality.

Anti-abortion campaigners raised £80,000 last week after hearing that the mother was planning the selective termination for lack of money to bring up the babies.

The campaign came to an

vealed later that week that the abortion had taken place several weeks earlier. The hospital claimed that the Sunday Express journalist who wrote the story was was aware of this fact but chose to ignore it because it diminished the story. It also said that it was unable to tell the media this until the woman herself

had given approval. Professor Jack Scarisbrick, chairman of the anti-abortion charity Life, said that the new information showed that the operation was "carried out for the flimsiest of medical reasons ... it makes it even more shocking. This case shows how cheap human life has become and how respect for it has dwindled

amonest doctors. "All those lies by the doctors and the hospital were unnecessary. They should have come clean with the facts, instead they realised what a nasty story it was and had to tart it up with false

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Ann Winterton, Conservative MP for Congleton and chairman of the Commons all-party "pro-life" group, added: "I think the selective culling of this perfectly healthy twin touched the hearts of many people in this

"It appears now that apparently the public have been misled yet again and I think they will be even more concerned to learn of the circumstances of this particular woman. And the reasons for the selective killing of one of these infant twins were not in fact as stated originally."

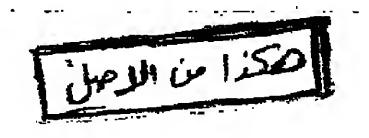
Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Jonathan Street, a spokesman for the hospital, said the public had no right to know the circumstances of a patient in any case.

"Just one headline in a newspaper is not going to change our view that we are protecting this patient's confidentiality ... The only people who have the right in law to know about her are her end when Queen Charlotte's re-medical team," he said.

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Industry admits firms are still aiming 'designer' alcohol at children as survey shows rise in under-age abuse

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

The Portman Group, which represents 95 per cent of the United Kingdom drinks industry, yesterday admitted that some companies are breaking its code of practice in promoting the new alcoholic "soft drinks" in such a way as to appeal to children and teenagers.

The admission by Portman's director, Dr John Rae, that the industry rought to be better at not selling to youngsters". came as new research highlighted the role of "designer" drinks in tempting youngsters to

ire alcohol. The alcoholic soft drinks appeal to schoolchildren primarily because of their sweet faste. but their marketing, as the preferred choice of cool, sophisticated, glamourous, fun-loving young adults, is significant tori, according to addiction expens. The study of more than 750 children aged 12 to 15 in

by the first year of secondary school, rising to more than half by the age of 14. Children and teenagers who drank white ciders and fruit wines, with names such as Ice Dragon. TNT and Flavours for Ravers. drank more often and were more likely to have been drunk than those who had tried beer. ordinary wine and spirits, according to the report in the British Medical Journal, Their

(werall was also higher.

of the Centre for Drug Misuse the Portman Group. Their new Research at Glasgow University, which carried out the study. said the level of drunkenness reported among young people in the study "must give cause" for concern".

He warned that the expansion of the drinks market into alcoholie earbonates such as Hooper's Hooch and Two Dogs

Teenagers are going for the strongest stuff they can get for the least money'

would accelerate the problem. There are more than a dozen alcoholic colas, lemonades and ciders with "soft drink"-type names now being sold in the "cynical attempt... to hook young people on alcohol". A report last year by the Royal College of Physicians concluded that alcohol was "at least as great a threat as illegal drugs to child health and welfare".

A spokesman for Alcohol Concern said vesterday there was growing concern about "al-

consumption of alcohol units of the drinks and how they are promoted. "We have sent a Dr Neil McKeganey, director catalogue of our complaints to code of practice relating to promotion of alcoholic drinks is clearly being violated at will by manufacturers," he said.

This includes complaints that the names K and Diamond White (made by Taunton Cident are terms used by young people to describe cestasy-like drugs, while Ravers (Intercontinental Brands) alludes to the rave seems which is dominated by techagers and associated with illegal drugs. The labels used on K, which glow under ultraviolet light common in clobs and raves, flave also been emicised. while the cartoon figure used to prontote Hooper's Flooch (Bass) is "more likely to appeal to under-18s than adults". according to Alcohol Concern.

Di Rae said that the names of the minufacturers of the alcoholic soft drinks which floated the code of practice UK. The alcohol content ranges - would be detailed in a report Dundee found that about one to m 4.2 to 5.5 per cent. Man-trom the Portman Group due in September, He added, "Mislager drinkers, but Alcohol use of drink in this age group Concern has labelled them as a six very worrying but to blame it primarily on designer dames has Net to be demonstrated.

"There has been research which shows that youngsters are not in fact majoring on these drinks. . actually teenagers are going for the strongest stuff they can get for the least money: cider or the strong beers are more likely to be responsible copons", particularly the names than the designer drinks."

Teenagers fail to kick their habits

alcoholic spring water; Two Dogs, alcoholic lemonade; Oasis, fruit drink.

LIZ HUNT

Smoking, drinking, and illicit drugs are a feature of life for Britain's teenagers, according to the most detailed survey to date, which suggest that the best efforts of health education exin a demand for late amounts and the Association of in the line

perts are failing in critical areas. More than 7,700 boys and girls aged 15 and 16, in 70 private and state schools throughout the UK, took part in the study which highlighted regular alcohol consumption to the point of intoxication, cigarette smoking, and a large rise since 1989 in drug experimentation,

particularly with cannabis. the days of the late burgain could be me The findings, published in to-morrow's issue of the British Medical Journal, follow a report by the National Audit Office earlier this week, which found that key Health of the Nation targets on drinking and teenage smoking, are not being met.

Dr Patrick Miller, of the Alin the cash of the first t cohol and Research Group at Edinburgh University, and colleagues found that 42 per cent of teenagers had experimented with illicit drugs, mainly cannabis. More than 10 per cent had taken the drug on 40 or more occasions, and cannabis use was high among smokers.

Drugs, smoking and alcohol are a feature of life for Britain's young

Glues and solvents had been used by about 20 per cent; LSD by about 14 per cent and amphetamines by about 13 per cent. Few had tried hard drugs, such as cocaine and heroin, but 7 per cent of girls and 9 per cent of boys had experimented with ecstasy. Drug use was higher in Scotland, where almost 60 per cent of boys and 50 per cent of girls had taken drugs, than else-

where in the UK. Almost all the youngsters had consumed alcohol, and nearly half had been intoxicated in the previous 30 days. Compared with previous

studies, the researchers said, there had been no dramatic change in alcohol use by 15- and 16-year-olds in the last five years, but overall frequency of drinking has increased. English and Welsh pupils were more likely than Scottish to have had a drink in the previous week. More than two-thirds of

said they had smoked ciga-rettes at some time, and just over a third had smoked in the 30 days prior to the completion of the questionnaires in March

and April last year. More girls than boys smoked. renewing concerns over the belief prevalent among teenage girls that nicotine is an appetite suppressant and will belp them

control their weight. Poor school performance was associated with drinking, smoking and dabbling in drugs. Among pupils claiming aboveaverage performance, only 20 per cent said they had smoked on 40 or more occasions, compared with 44 per cent who reported below average performance. Similar differences were found for most forms of drug use for both sexes in all regions.

Commenting on the findings, Dr Miller said: "A lot of what we are seeing is youthful experimentation, but it is high. I don't think it would be right to describe it as delinquency. Certainly, there has been an increase in teenagers having tried these things. Possibly the explanation is that availability has increased, particularly of cannabis, and if something is there a teenager will try it."

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Glasgow calls time on drinking on the streets

schoolchildren in the survey

Alcohol ban aims to stem violent crime and disorder in public places

JASON BENNETTO

Glasgow, a city renowned for its hard drinking, will start a blanket ban on open-air alcohol consumption from Monday, civic leaders announced yesterday. It will be the first city in Scot--land to operate such a ban in public places, although others

have launched partial curbs. In England, a similar ban has been in place in Coventry city centre The new move was welcomed by police who said that in other parts of Scotland, similar but

smaller bans have cut violent crime and public disorder. Coupled with the ban, a proof-of-age identity card scheme will be also extended to all 1,500 licensed premises in an

attempt to cut under-age drink-The ban will apply equally to people sipping glass of wine in the park as those knocking back cans of strong lager. Of-fenders face a fine of up to £500. The city's growing café-bar society will be exempt, providing drinkers do not stray far

from the tables. "I don't see any difference between somebody in the West End drinking beaujolais and check wine)," said James Colombia



Making merry: Hogmanay may never be the same again

chairman of the city's licensing

"If you want to drink your cheeky wee beaujolais you will have to go to one of the areas we are happy to license in the

He said the behaviour of people drinking in streets and parks was a "nuisance" to residents and shopkeepers, and often a "repeating nightmare" among football supporters on their way to matches.

Since January this year, according to police records, drinkrelated violent crime in Glasgow has soared: in city centres it is up by 50 per cent. Mr Coleman added: "The problem isn't confined to youngsters. Adults who should

know better are often the worst offenders. "But there is a particular difficulty in many areas where youths are loitering and drinking in a way that is threatening, particularly to the elderly. "We want to give these

streets back to the decent peo-

ple who live there." Pilot bans were launched in. three areas of Scotland - Motherwell, Galashiels and Dundee - in 1989 and have since spread to a total of 14 areas, including

In Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, where similar by-laws were introduced last year, the legislation is being used as a launchpad for an overall police crackdown on street crime, vandalism, loitering and assault.

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Grammar schools pipped on top grades

FRAN ABRAMS and **GOUL HINDUL**

A neighbourhood comprehensive school in York has beaten 150 of Britain's top grammar schools in a survey of this year's best A-Level results.

Pupils at Fulford School achieved grades equivalent to an average of two As and a C in this year's exams. Only 10 state schools, all of them selective, did better.

The Independent contacted 200 top state comprehensive sives were in affluent areas. schools yesterday for their results. Many of their students had done as well or better than those in schools whose pupils had to pass an 11-plus exam to get in.

Keith Hayton, head teacher "Liford School, said it was an ordinary local school, although it had become very popular. Level grades may not be inand it now recruited from more cluded. It is based on the than 20 primary schools.

lower sixth on an outdoor pursuits course in the Yorkshire Dales in January had probably helped to boost their scores, he said. This year's upper sixth was exceptionally small for the school, with only 27 students compared with twice as many last year. That had meant that class sizes shrank to between six and eight. "There has been no escape for them. Mr Hayton

"We are very pleased. Last year was our best year and we have actually done better this year. We have a very committed staff and the youngsters have worked very hard. In the final analysis, it's down to that."

Other comprehensive schools which did exceptionally well included the Liverpool Blue Coat School, where the children of two Labour MPs are pupils. The school opted

recently to become grant maintained and to begin selecting its pupils by examination from September 1997. The head teacher, John Speller, agreed that the school tended to attract pupils from the top of the ability range.

The secret of our success is that, by and large, we have well-motivated students. We are very fortunate because we have a very stable and wellmotivated staff," he said.

Not all the top comprehen-They appeared to be spread evenly between rural and urban districts and between the North and the south of the country.

The survey does not cover all the country's 4,000 comprewhich achieved the highest Aaverage points score per can-Its policy of taking the entire didate, with an A counting for 10 points and an E for two.

> A number of schools decided not to take part because they disapproved of league tables which did not take social factors into account.

> Pat Dwyer, deputy head of Durham Johnston School, said all schools in the city of Durham had decided not to participate in newspaper A-level surveys this year.

> She said: "There is a feeling of distaste for raw league tables. They don't take into account where children are starting from and the circumstances schools are working in. Schools may be doing a very good jobs with the kids they have but they are not going to be up there at the top of a table.

Additional reporting by Sarah Decch, Alexandra Cockburn, Tamsin Irwin, Emily McGarrr and John Elliott.



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The agony and ecstasy that's all in a letter

CLARE GARNER

Striking a pose straight out of Clueless, Louise Pepper looked like she had just stepped off the set of the teen movie. The tall, blonde18-year-old, who bore more than a passing resemblance to Alicia Silverstone, reached for the ultimate schoolgirl accessory to relay her A-level results to Mum and Dad.

But unlike her screen sister, Louise, 18, was struggling to stay cool; she was dumbfounded but definitely not dumb. "I got three As and a B and I'm hyperventilating," she said as she clutched the crucial slip of paper. "I thought they went OK. Oh, I don't know what to think."

With her A-grades in classi-cal civilization, English literature and general studies and a B in French in one hand and mobile phone in the other, Louise will now be shimmying off to Westminster University to start her media-studies course

Heart of Mary comprehensive the clusters of celebrating girls in the courtyard, Celia Clarke was inconsolable. Her results couldn't be that bad? ... No. They were that good.

As it turned out, Celia was weeping with delight, not disappointment. She had managed to match Cambridge University's improbable offer of five A-grades. Straight As in chemistry, maths, physics, A/S -level statistics and general studies had sealed her place at Newnham College to read natural sciences.

Celia had spent the morning preparing herself for the hour of reckoning - in church. "I had to go to Mass today," she said, explaining why she had not collected her results on the dot of eleven. "It's a holy day of obligation. I tried to think of God but I was extremely nervous and my stomach was in a knot. Friends expected I'd do it but I didn't. I had a dream last night that I got an F." She finally went outside to fetch her parents. "We wanted to keep out of the fir-

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"It's an emotional day. It's six months' suspense and one is held by a thread."

There was no doubt in his mind that Celia deserved her grades. "Despite all the talk in the papers, the work still has to be done and this one did it." he said proudly, planting a kiss on his youngest daughter's fore-head. But Celia must now turn her attention to life's little practicalities if she is to get anywhere in Cambridge. "I can't ride a bike yet," she said. "I've got to learn." And the family can look forward to their forthcoming holiday in Gloucestershire without worrying about which route to take. "We're staying three miles from a place called Newnham. It would have been rather ironic and tragic had she not got in. We would have had to do a

detour," said Mr Clarke. Despite the talk of record results this year, yesterday inevitably yielded spills as well as thrills. Sitting on the tarmac, The real star of The Sacred Catherine Clarke was shaking violently. She tried to calm her school, however, was nowhere nerves with a cigarette but her to be seen. Sobbing in a mind would not rest. She had teacher's back mom. far from - needed an A in history to read it at King's College London, and had only got a B.

"Miss, what do you do if you haven't got you're place?" she asked. Once the teacher had ascertained Catherine had a place at her second choice, Sheffield, she was fairly unsympathetic. "You've got into a very good university to read history, so you haven't got a problem," she replied. Catherine retorted: "It's cold and far away and I'd miss my Dad ... I'm going to give King's a ring and see if they'll take me anyway. If not, I'll probably take a year out and

reapply."
The coming and going continued for most of the morning. One girl marched into the school building, declaring: "Let's tell that Miss Saunders I got a B". Another turned to Celia. "How did you do?" she asked. "All As" Celia replied as modestly as she could manage. "Yeah, I thought so," came the reply and the flushed girl who had failed to make the grade made for the door.

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MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor A group representing British academics has threatened to charge newspapers for any advice or information given to journalists by their members, as part of an escalating row over fees demanded by the national press for the five newspaper groups inthe right to photocopy articles. volved - Associated, Express, The threat is contained in a the Financial Times, The letter, seen by *The Independent*, sent to the Newspaper Licencing Agency, an industry body set up in January to collect fees from organisations in return for the right to reproduce articles and circulate them to their staff. Shot dead

In the Independent on Sunday

For young blacks in South Central Los Angeles, life is usually nasty, brutish and short. Ennis Beley was lucky: aged 12, he achieved celebrity as a video diarist, then as a photographer. Admirers gave him an education, contacts, hope ... And then, in June, he was killed in a gang-shooting, aged 15 Matthew Heller tells the story of a hope that failed

This week in the Sunday Review

Academics name their price

The NLA has offered two licences, one requiring a payment of 2p per copy made and the other based on a partial audit of cuttings files, topped up with a pro-rated payment according to the number of employees in a given organisation. The system could be worth £1m a year to

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the Committee of Vice-Chan-

cellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom (CVCP), aimed at agreeing the new payments system. According to a letter sent by David Anderson-Evans, of the CVCP, it is "doubtful whether there is any university which could regard copying from newspapers as being worth the

charges you are proposing."
He goes on to write: "The committee has therefore come

their task of explaining complex matters to the public, they can no longer provide this assistance free of charge.

The NLA views the letter as a "veiled threat" and cautions the committee to consider its position under British competition law. "This is mugwash, and completely unhelpful," Andrew Hughes, chief executive of the NLA, said. "It certainly isn't conducive to negotiations."

The committee said in its letter that it had a range of fees in mind, adding: "They are certainly not nominal."

DAILY POEM

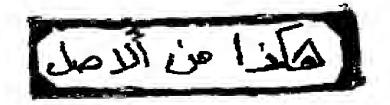
After the War with the Eskimos

By Stephen Dobyns

Having forced the peace, the Eskimos are riding down to greet us, mounted on great bears, gentle as clocks, legs like the legs of the Statue of Liberty. We will speak to them of seals, wallowing in fish tanks, and convince them we are pro-seal, pro-igloo, and will, in time, be pro-Eslamo.

We see the first ligh above us. His face like a nugget taken from the hands of a drunken miner. pitted, benevolent; then the others, as warm as dollars waiting for our words. Come to our houses, meet our daughters. Let your bears make sport with our does; our cousins half removed.

Stephen Dobyns is well known as both a poet and a crime writer in his native United States, acknowledged for the former by the New York Times as a purveyor of "arrestingly crisp tales told from a middle distance between fantasy and allegory". Bloodaxe has recently published Velocities: New and Selected Poems, which draw on 20 years of verse, from his first collection, Concurring Beasts to his latest, From Body Traffic.



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Scotland set to win tug of war over old master

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

The National Galleries of Scotland appeared to have won their tug of war with the Getty Museum in California for a 17th-century Italian master-

piece last night - but only just. They had been given until midnight yesterday to raise £2.04m to keep the Guercino painting, Erminia Finding the Wounded Tancred, in Britain. Last night they were still £56,000 short but it seemed likely that they had come close enough to secure the painting's

nail-biting six months after it attributed his generosity, in emerged in January that the interviews with the media, to a his wounds with her hair. Howard family, whose North feud with his father. It was Yorkshire seat, Castle Howard, handed over only after fulsome featured in the television series of Brideshead Revisited, had privately arranged to sell the painting to the Getty Museum for £3.5 m.

Timothy Clifford, director of the National Galleries of Scotland, immediately began a rearguard campaign to keep the masterpiece in Britain. He was supported by the Department of National Heritage, which agreed to temporarily refuse an export licence for the painting

to give him time to try to raise you, Claude. No, after you, Ce-£2.04m. the equivalent of the agreed price after tax.

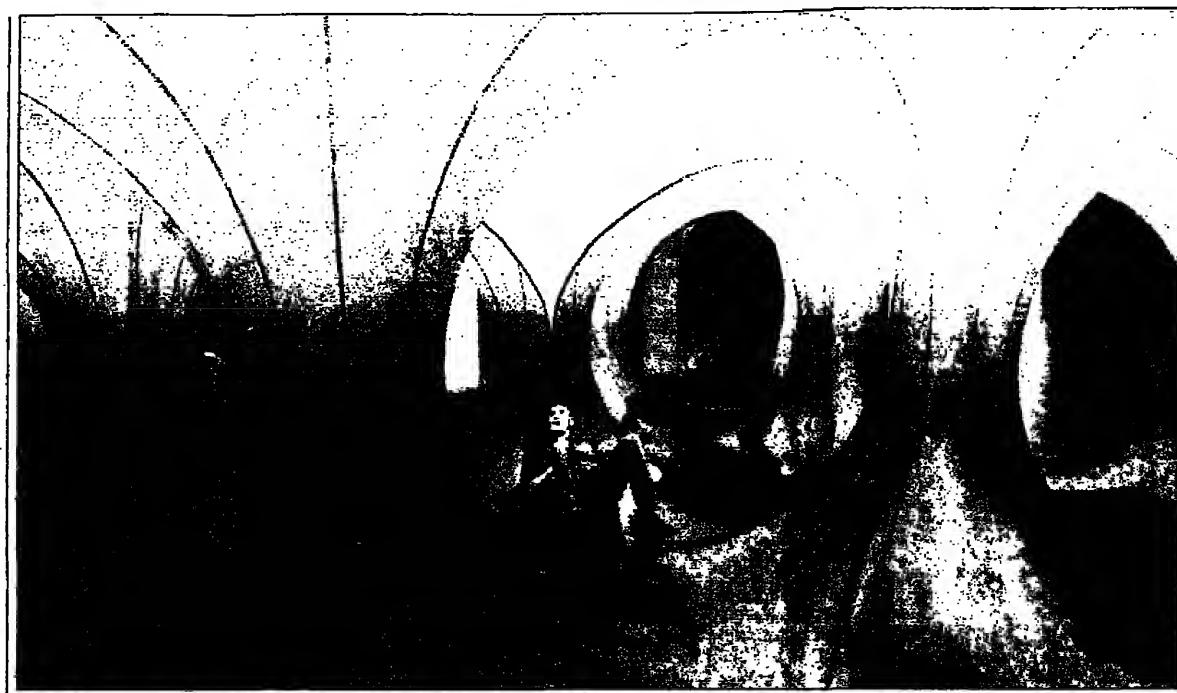
In an ironic twist to the tale, Mr Clifford's efforts have been supported by the reclusive billionaire John Paul Getty Junior, whose late father founded the Getty Museum.

Mr Getty Junior has given £100,000, a doubly generous gesture given the fiasco over his previous offer of £1m two years ago to help Mr Clifford in a similar campaign: to prevent the Canova Statue of The Three Graces going to the Getty Museum. On that occasion the billionaire was forced to retract The two galleries have had a the donation after Mr Clifford apologies from the director.

In recent weeks, Mr Clifford has issued a number of increasingly heartfelt appeals for cash, and has twice been given extensions of his deadline by the Department of National Heritage after failing to reach his target in time. Earlier this month, when he was still £286,000 short, he warned: "Summer holidays and the postal strike have not helped us. We must now forget the 'after

cil' stance and find the rest of the money." The bulk of the cash - £1.5m - has been put up by the Heritage Lottery Fund, while the Scotish Office and the National Art Collections Fund

gave £100,000 each. Guercino painted Eminia Finding the Wounded Tancred for the Arch Duchess of Mantua, in Italy, where it remained until 1711. It was bought by the Earl of Carlisle in 1772 for Castle Howard. The painting illustrates a passage from Tasso's epic poem La Genusalemme Liberata (Jerusalem Freed) in which Tancred the Christian knight was wounded. Stricken by grief, his lover Erminia binds



Halls of colour: The artist Alan Parkinson yesterday soaking up the light from his walk-in installation Luminarium III, which can be seen on the roof of the Queen Elizabeth Hall at South Bank in London until 26 August Photograph: Andrew Bucirman

Life on Mars discovered on the fringe

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

While Nasa has pledged to pour resources into establishing whether there is life on Mars, a fringe show at the Edinburgh Festival is conducting its own exploration into the apparent arrival of two Martian children on earth in the 12th century.

The verse play by the poet and playwright Glyn Maxwell, winner of the Somerset Maugham Prize for poetry, dramatises accounts by two monks of the bizarre discovery of a green girl and boy in a wolfpit near the Suffolk village of St Mary Woolpit in 1154.

According to the tales, their skin was "leek green" and they refused to eat until they came upon some green beans, which they ate with avidity. The boy, who was "oppressed

by langour", died, but his sister gradually lost her green colour after she started to eat bread had any unknown work she and later married.

Raiph of Coggeshall, one of the monks, observes dispassionately that the girl was "very lascivious and wanton. Questioned frequently concerning the men of the region, she averred that all dwellers and things in the region were tinged with a green colour, and that they perceived no sun, but In the end, you see the village enjoyed a certain brightness closing t such as happens after sunset. that has healed."

"Questioned further by what means she had come into this land with the aforesaid boy, she replied that because they were following some cattle, they came into a cave. Having entered which, they heard a certain delectable sound of bells; caught up in sweetness of which sound, they walked for a long time, wandering through the cavern, until they came to the

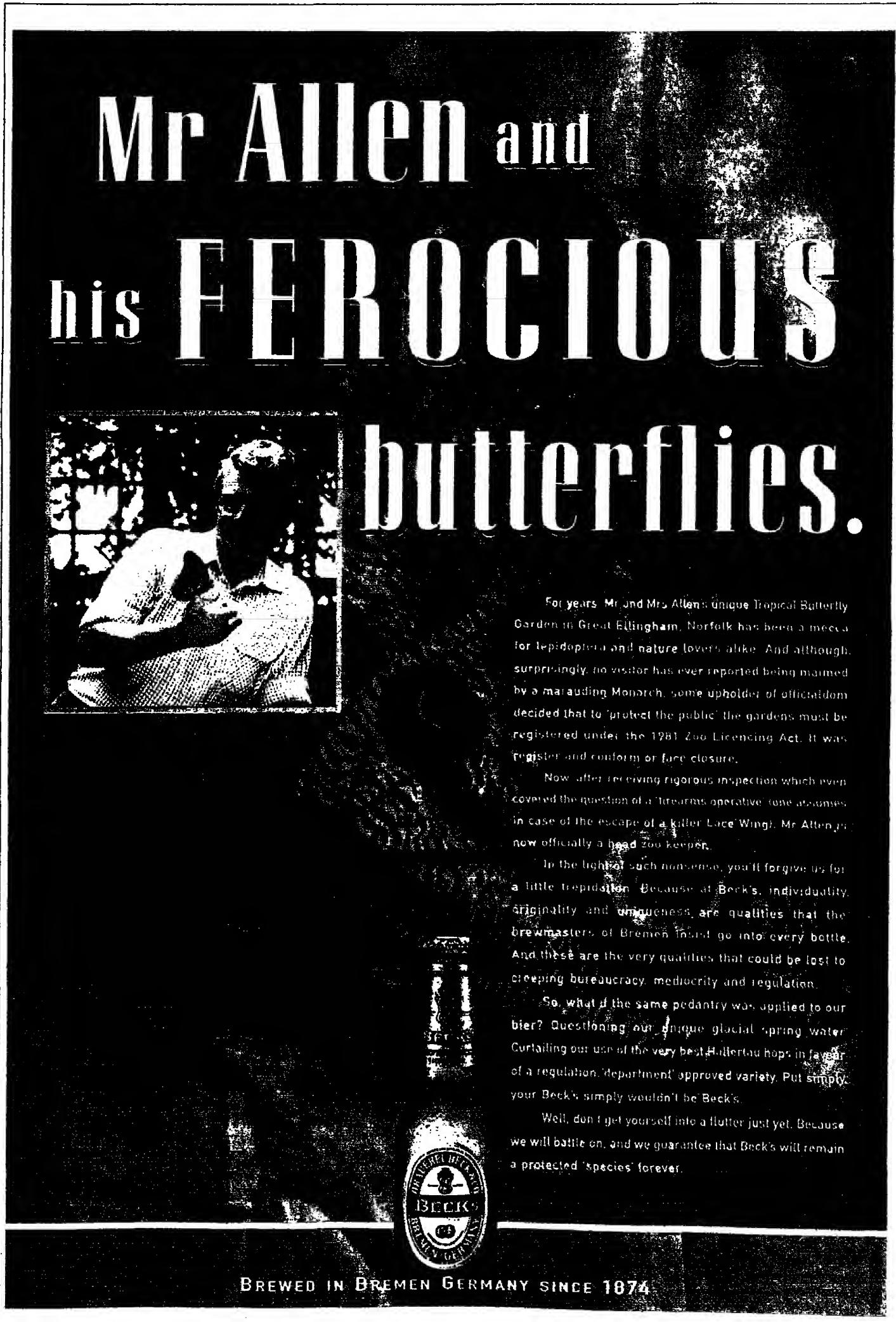
The premiere of Wolfpit is being performed at the Garage Theatre by the Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club, whose former members include Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, John Cleese, Sam Mendes and Tony Slattery.

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Sally Moss, the second-year English student who is directmg the play, made contact with Maxwell after attending one of his poetry readings and sending him a fan letter. He offered her the play when she asked if he

could direct. The Poet Laureate Ted Hughes described Wolfpit, published by Arc last week, as a "fascinating and intriguing work" after reading the

manuscript Maxwell said: "The play is about how we don't actually want the miraculous to happen.





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SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Death threats have forced the justice minister in South Africa to flee his home in a Cape Town neighbourhood where gangs and anti-drug vigilantes are

Ministry spokesman Paul Setsetse said yesterday that Justice Minister Dullah Omar and his family moved to an undisclosed location earlier this week. Mr Setsetse refused to say whether the threats came from gang members or from supporters of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) movement. Pagad has denied that it made any threats against the minister.

Tension has been mounting in Cape Town's impoverished, mixed-race suburbs since masked Pagad members shot and burned to death the leader of the Hard Living Kids gang. Rashaad Staggie, in front of his house on 4 August. The gangs have sworn vengeance, and one Pagad member has been gunned down. AP - Capetown

Tibetan monks are being asked to pledge obedience to Chinese religious authorities, or face expulsion from their monasteries, according to a rights group. Teams of Communist Party officials have descended on three major Tibetan monasteries, the London-based Tibet Information Network said. The monks were ordered to sign statements denouncing the exiled Dalai Lama and supporting Chinese rule over Tibet or face being turned out, the group said, citing reports from monks who fled to India. AP - Peking

Thirty-five people died from electrocution and another 40 were injured late on Wednesday when a firework struck a high-voltage electricity cable in the southern Peruvian city of Arequipa, authorities said. The Mayor of Arequipa, Roger Caceres, said the 10,000-watt cable crashed on to a crowd of 1,500 people, who were celebrating the city's 436th anniversary, shortly before midnight. It was, he said, a "freak accident". Television images showed charred bodies next to a burning pile of rubble where the cable hit one of Arequipa's central bridges. Reuter - Lima

The Thai Prime Minister grabbed his daughter and hauled her off the television screen as she tried to talk about his political crisis. Viewers saw Banharn Silpa-Archa, who is fighting for his political life as his coalition crumbles. drag Kanchana Silpa-Archa away from the cameras. "There are troubles plaguing Dad and I want my father to retire from politics as soon as possible. I myself am also fed up with ..." Kanchana, a member of parliament, was saying when she was abruptly interrupted. Reuter - Bangkok

Timbabwean President Robert Mugabe is due to wed Lhis former presidential secretary Grace Marufu on Saturday, when he will throw a party for up to 20,000 guests. Although Mr Mugabe, 72, has officially invited only 6,000 local and foreign guests to witness him exchange marriage vows with his 31-year-old bride at his rural home, he knows that under Zimbabwean tribal tradition, relatives and clansmen flock to such ceremonies. Reuter - Harare

Thieves armed with apparently venomous snakes are terrorising residents of a southern Nicaraguan town, the local press reported. Residents of Diriamba, 30 miles (50km) south of Managua, said the gang collected the poisonous rattlesnakes in nearby fields, removed their venom and then used them to rob their victims by threatening to have the snakes bite them, according to the

newspaper El Nuevo Diario. One girl, who would not give her name, said she passed out when she saw the snake's fangs. When she came to, her gold chains had been stolen. Renter - Managua

Russian peace move: Security chief seeks 'face-saving solution to conflict with no winners'

Lebed on mission to end war in Chechnya

PHIL REEVES

Russia's top security man, Alexander Lebed, was last night head of the Chechen sepa-

off for the meeting armed with a fistful of extra powers grant-ed to him by Mr Yeltsin in the hope that they will help end a war that has long been a thorn in the side of the Kremlin, but which - with rebels still controlling much of Grozny - has now become an even greater in-



Lebed: Met Chechen leaders

ternational embarrassment. According to the Russian news agency Interfax, Mr Lebed last night flew by helicopter to a village 18 miles south-east of Grozny to discuss ceasefire terms with the separatist leader. Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, and the Chechen chief of staff, Aslan Maskhadov, in a fresh effort to end the bloodshed, which has so far claimed more than 30,000 lives. The mission,

part of his second visit to the troubled republic in five days, came as thousands of refugees took advantage of a lull in the fighting to flee from Grozny, afpreparing for talks with the ter more than a week of hostilities which left hundreds of ratists after being placed in personal charge of resolving the war by President Boris Yeltsin.

The retired general, secretary of Russia's Security Council, set

On Wednesday, Mr Yeltsin

gave Mr Lebed's security coun-

cil the power to co-ordinate the

operation of all federal agencies in Chechnya, including the army, the Russian Interior Ministry and the Federal Security Service - all of which have been at loggerheads. The move coincided with Mr Yeltsin's decision to abandon the commission on Chechnya headed by the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, a rival of Mr Lebed's. Yesterday, after meeting officials from the Russian forces and representatives of the Moscow-backed Chechen government, Mr Lebed was keen to flex his new muscle, threatening to name publicly those he

the city 11 days ago. "Some profit from the fighting," he said, "This is a commercial war."

holds responsible for allowing

the separatists to seize much of

In contrast to Mr Yeltsin who secured a ceasefire in May, just weeks before the presidential elections, and immediately flew to Grozny to proclaim. Chechens into submission by rea Russian victory - Mr Lebed - peatedly attacking their towns has called for a "face-saving so- and villages has simply served lution" to a war in which "nobody won and nobody lost".

But, although such remarks appear conciliatory, the odds of long-term success seem to be against him. All previous attempts at negotiations between the Kremlin and the Chechens have collapsed in disarray, part-



ly because Russia remains unwilling to grant the separatists' demands for outright indepen-

However, the assault on Grozny has been a jarring blow to Moscow, and will serve as a reminder that the war simply cannot be solved by what the Russian military called their policy of "coercion to peace". Attempts to bomb the to harden anti-Moscow sentiment. Even those elements of the civilian population who oppose the separatists, and resent the bloodshed they have wrought, tend to hate the Russians with a still greater passion.

Although they have far less

several thousand, the Chechen fighters have proved that they are remarkably tenacious and probably unbeatable.

They have several advantages over their opponents: many of their commanders have served in the Soviet army, and know how it functions; they know the territory, and have the overwhelming support of the population, which provides food and shelter: the Chechen diaspora provides finance, and they have managed to secure arms, sometimes by buying them from Russian soldiers.

By contrast, the federal forces are torn by rivalries, dismal conditions, and a lack of appetite for a war over a cause that few ordinary Russians feel is worth the price, either in life or weaponry and number only in national dignity.

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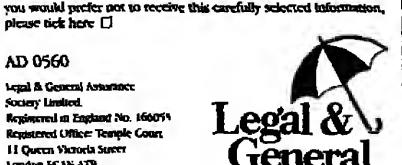
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Arafat displays contempt for first elected assembly

PATRICK COCKBURN Jerusalem

The first democratically elected assembly in Palestinian history has been rebuffed and humiliated by Yasser Arafat, who has made it clear that its authority comes second to that of the Palestinian security services.

Such is Mr Arafat's determination not to share power that he has claimed he has the right to nominate his successor in the event of his death. Members of the Legislative Council, elected in January in

poll which was seen as an important step towards Palestinian self-determination, have discovered that Mr Arafat does not even accept their right of as-

Six Council members were banned earlier this week from holding a meeting to protest gainst the torturing to death of a man in Nablus by Palestinian police and and the shooting of another Palestinian in nearby Tulkarm.

"They stopped us meeting in the local chamber of commerce," says Husam Khader, a Council member from Nablus. "We went to a restaurant nearby. When we were inside, the security police telephoned twice to say that if the meeting did not end they would attack us and smash up the place." Haidar Abdul-Shafi, a



to the security services

Palestinian leader from Gaza, who was also in the restaurant, says the order "must have come from Arafat".

Many Palestinians are deeply disappointed by the way in which the 88-member Council has been marginalised. Dr Khalil Shikaki, a political

scientist at the Centre for Palestine Research and Studies in Nablus, says: "Our security services increasingly dominate every aspect of our political life. The only antidote to this is more democracy." However, few Palestinians, on or off the Council. believe that Mr Arafat has any intention of moderating his autocratic style. Attending

a meeting yesterday of the Council in Ramallah, north of Jerusalem, Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian human rights advocate, said: "The council is working in terms of maintaining a political discourse, a critical appraisal of what is going on and upholding the rule of law." She described it as hypocritical for Israel and the United States to criticise the lack of Palestinian human rights while

at the same time insisting on a

permanent security clampdown

order to prevent suicide

Ordinary Palestinians sense the Council is impotent. In the corridor outside the Council

chamber, nobody was approaching councillors to express their grievances. They used to come," one observer said. But now they know it is useless." An elderly village Mukhtar (leader) leaving the building turned out to be on a visit to officials of the Ministry of Education, which also has offices there. He said: "My village needs economic help," which the Council cannot give, and held up a fax he had sent to Mr

Arafat saying his village sup-ported his "wise leadership". Mr Arafat seems to see the Council, whose election was carefully monitored by the Eu-US president, Jimmy Carter, as nored 10 decisions to free de- thoritarian and arbitrary.

tainees. Once, in the chamber, he expressed astonishment that a woman should petition the Council "when my office could deal with the matter in five minutes." On another occasion, a discussion of the basic Palestinian law had to be postponed because Mr Arafat was attending a meeting in Cameroon.

Ms Ashrawi says the Council keeps a form of debate alive. Saleh al-Taamari, a Council member from Bethlehem, says: "It is not easy. We have to fight." He admits the Palestinian media seldom covers dissent against Mr Arafal. The editor of al-Bilad, a Palestinian newspaper, who dared to reprint an article from Newsweek about corruption in the Palestinian leadership, was immediately picked up by the security police.

Mr Arafat's model of how the Palestinian enclaves ought to be governed seems to be Syria, with powerful security forces and his Fatah organisation playing the role of the Baath party.

In such a system a democratic assembly has little role. Mr Arafat's defenders say he relies on his security apparatus because his ability to stop more suicide bombings is his one card in dealing with Israel and the US. His critics say that when ropean Union and the former he ruled part of Lebanon in the late 1970s and early 1980s his largely decorative. He has ig- use of power was equally au-

Madrid sacrifices palace for carpark

ELIZABETH NASH Madrid

Madrid's city fathers were unrepentant yesterday after authorising the destruction this week of remains of the city's first royal palace, belonging to 16th- and 17th-century Habsburg monarchs, to make way for an underpass and a carpark.

The remains of two facades uncovered deep in the howels of Orient Square in the ancient heart of the capital were bulldozed in defiance of a vigorous last-minute campaign to bait the work. The square, once the favourite yenue for Fascist ralal palace and has been a building site for years.

the excavations, Manuel Retuerce, resigned over the destruction. He had submitted a report to the regional government orging them to conserve the remains, which he described as "unique in the history of Madrid", and proposing that they be integrated into an ambitious redevelopment of

the square. Earlier this year work was suspended for further excavations and a half-bearted exhi-

concerned to improve the city's chronic traffic problems. One of the two directors of They took the advice of the other director of the project, Esther Andreu, who suggested that if the best bits were removed and kept, there was no need to preserve the site. "I see no problem in continuing the work in this area," she con-

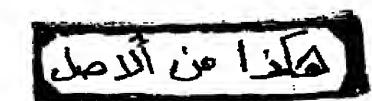
Madrid, Jose Maria Alvarez de Manzano, said yesterday that the remains "were not worth preserving" and that "if there are traffic problems in this bition mounted to canvass part of town, it is the fault those

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lies, fronts the present-day roy- glonal authorities were more prevent anything useful being done for the city."

A number of experts, including the director of the Prado Museum, Fernando Checa. tried to stay authorities' hand in recent days, emphasising that the finds were the last traces of a palace from Spain's Golden Age in which several artists, including Diego Velazquez, had lived. One histo-The conservative Mayor of rian has identified the background of Velazquez's masterpiece The Spinning Women as being the chapel of the de-

stroyed palace. But Mr Alvarez de Manzano said yesterday that Madrid was public opinion. But the re- who are obstinately trying to full of such buildings.



Divided island: Ankara accuses Greek Church

Rabble-rousing Ciller defends Cyprus killing

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Istanbul

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Tansu Ciller, yesterday voiced approval of a fatal attack on a Greek Cypriot protester in an inflammatory speech that showed once again how tangled the tensions on the divided Mediterranean island have become.

When she arrived for a brief visit to Cyprus, Ms Ciller, who is also deputy prime minister, called for renewed peace talks. But just before her departure she had whipped up a crowd on the mainland with a rabble-rous-

"Nobody touches our flag. It's as simple as that. Whoever dares to do so, we will break their hands," Ms Ciller shouted. before taking the same 40-mile route used by the Turkish ex-peditionary force that in 1974 carved out a canton, now a breakaway state, for the Turkish minority on the island.

Such words complicate the work of diplomats struggling to re-establish calm after two ill-judged Greek Cypriot civilian marches on the front lines in the past week. The marches re-sulted in the beating to death of one demonstrator on Sunday, and another was shot dead on Wednesday as he tried to scale a front line pole to tear down

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the Turkish flag.
"When people are provoked, and excited, it is not hard to work out what will happen, "said Turkish President Suleyman Demirel, blaming the Greek side. "This is a provocation, but it will not remove the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus."
Some parts of the Turkish

media played up stories that showed how Turks and Greeks could co-operate. One newspaper even printed a picture of a man described as a "Turkish Cypriot security official" levelling his pistol at the doomed Greek Cypriot as he started his climb up the Turkish flagpole.

Indeed, the conservative Ms Ciller's speech in defence of the shooting probably had less to do with war-mongering than her need to re-establish herself as an important player on the Turkish political scene.

She has recently been overshadowed by her coalition partner. Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan. He was not well-positioned to compete on his favourite topic of Cyprus yes-terday, since he is on a tour of Asian countries to polish his

Asian countries to polish his pro-Islamic image.

In Ankara, the foreign ministry summoned diplomats from countries represented on the United Nations Security Council to accuse the Greek Orthodox Church of financing the original Greek Cypriot "bikers' rally" on Sunday that started the latest round of trouble.

Many of the Greek Cypriots

Many of the Greek Cypriots involved in this week's violence were refugees from the 1974 invasion who hijacked the motor-cyclists' rally to vent their frustration at the 22-year stalemate. "We didn't plan anything like this," said the bikers' leader,

George Hadjicostas.

At the last minute, bowing to pressure from the Cyprus government, he had called off an attempt by thousands of bikers to burst across the UN buffer zone into Turkish-controlled territory. But with the engines roating and the world's cameras in place, it was too late.



Act of defiance: Greek-Cypriot protesters are held back by UN forces on the Green Line





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Hundreds of unarmed young Greek Cypriots were deter-

mined to draw attention to

They were outnumbered by counter-demonstrators on the

Turkish side, and during a

There have been Greek Cypri-

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so violent. In the 1980s, women

braved the ceasefire lines, until

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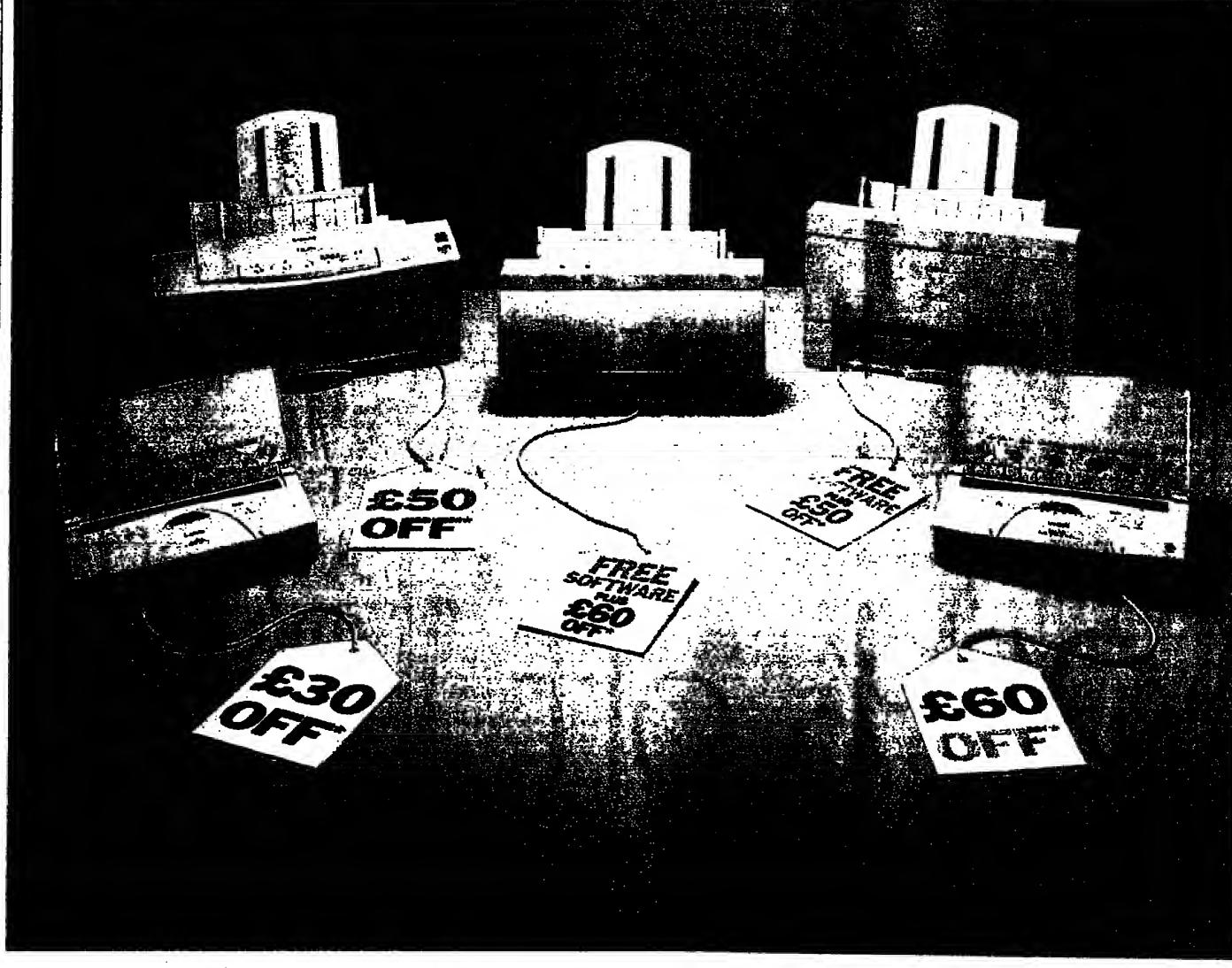
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Mrs Dole's talk-in steals the show

Rupert Cornwell watches a new poll star rise on TV

It was the night the made-for-TV convention became TV, when San Diego's Convention Center turned into a studio, and the delegates were the live audience. Only it wasn't Oprah Winfrey, Barbara Walters or any other of America's talkshow divas working the floor. The lady wielding the microphone as if she'd been doing it for decades was Elizabeth Dole.

been grumbling about how they have been sidelined by this glitzy Republican production; after Wednesday evening's tour de force, they might as well apply for voluntary redundancy. The setting was hammy and

contrived, the manipulation blatant and shameless. But it in the gaps - warm and easy goworked. After 20 minutes of hokery, the American public could understand what the political cognoscenti have long known: that during this autumn's presiden-

tial campaign, Bob Dole's best salesman will be his wife. "I'm going to be speaking to friends and I'm going to be speaking about the man I love, she said as she stepped down from the podium, "so it's just a lot more comfortable for me to do this down here

with you." And Ms Dole, the former high-school belle from Salisbury, North Carolina, did it - just like Oprah.

cise, plainly under

agers for weeks. Sitting conve- and distant, open where he is mently in the front rows were people who had left their mark on the candidate: Tim Steiniger, a quadraplegic from his native Russell, Kansas, who inspired Mr Dole to set up a foundation for the disabled; a nurse who looked after him when he returned from Italy in 1945; and Ovsanna Kelikian, widow of the Armenian surgeon who helped repair his upper body af-ter it had been shattered by a German shell.

That Ms Kelikian was an immigrant and a member of a social group especially wary of Republican foreigner-bashing was of course entirely coinci-

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dental. Just as it was an accident that a fourth person introduced by Mrs Dole, Senate usher Trudy Parker who worked outas Elizabeth Dolc. side the Majority leader's office and cried on the day Mr Dole resigned last June, happened to be a woman and black - two more groups the party is court-ing for all it is worth. Mrs Dole carried it off without so much as a hint of a blush on ber magnolia cheeks.

One of her strengths is to fill

'Meet Bob Dole' was Thumbs up: Dole celebrates by wearing the object of the exer- an Olympic gold medal lent to him

preparation by convention man- ing where her husband is dry shy, eloquent where he scrabbles for words. Her southern accent is as honeyed as his Kansan

twang is gruff.

Ms Dole of course went to Harvard and served in the Reagan and Bush cabinets, and would undoubtedly be one of the most formidable First Ladies in history. But this week there has been none of that. "I like to be the eyes and ears of my husband," she says demurely, passing over the fact she can also be his tongue and

But on Wednesday evening she was just the loving, supportive, doe-eyed wife, so dif-

ferent - ran the plain but unspoken message - from that pushy and abrasive Hillary

"I just like to connect with people," she told that other priest-confessor of the talkshow firmament, Larry King, af-terwards. "The colour of your dress was brilliant," Mr King gushed. "Was it peach?" Not peach, Ms Dole firmly but sweetly corrected him, but

Thus clad, she presented the real Bob Dole, not the Washington insider since time immemorial, but the downhome war hero from the American heartland, whose great modesty prevented him from talking about himself.

The 21-year Dole marriage has been a subject of some speculation in the American media (a joyless, politically motivated union. an article in the current issue of Vanity Fair suggests). But that was not the impression conveyed by Elizabeth

"When Bob was dating me," she told her audience and the nation. "he would often stay in our house. One morning he got up, threw a towel over his arm and shoulder and went down to see my mother. 'Ms Hanford,' he said, 'I think you should see my problem.' But my mother said, That's not a problem, that's a

When she'd finished, the studio audience turned back into delegates and raised the roof. "Kansas Bob" read one sign floating above the throng, "Dole Rocks" said another and soon the whole place was rocking to the sounds of Mary Wells and "My Guy".

badge of honour"."

No matter that Bob Dole grew up in the Glenn Miller era, and belongs to a Congressional generation for whom Tamla-Motown might be the name of a Bill regulating the car indus-try. Elizabeth Dole had made

"Are you ready for this campaign ?," Larry King enquired of her, when eventually it was all over. Never has a question been more superfluous.



Now hear this: Elizabeth Dole leaves the podium to talk about her husband's human side

South of the border and far from God

Fifteen minutes by road south of the greatest show on earth. the Republican National Convention in San Diego, is the world's busiest border-crossing.
And possibly the most stark.

San Diego - with its shiny skyscrapers, its marinas, its vast aircraft carrier docked in the bayis a picture of American opulence. Cross the bridge into Tijuana, where somehow the air is stickier and you have no sense of the sea, the first thing you see is a torso in rags and a pair of ancient eyes pleading for a cent; then a via dolorosa of bony little Indian women on their knees: then a mangy yellow dog, shooed away from the pavement by a vendor who sold life-size porcelain dogs in sunglasses and bleeding crucified Christs.

I leafed through a copy of El Sol de Tijuana and saw no mention of the Republican convention. The two main stories concerned a local Japanese businessman who had been kidnapped – ransom \$2m – and a man who had hanged himself.
The main drag in town is the

tacky Avenida Revolucion. It was teeming with American day-trippers, young men with rings through their nipples, young women in bikini tops, dissolute grey-hairs with ponytails, their arms around the waists of dusky painted maidens in high-heels. At four in the afternoon the

dance floor at Iguanas and Ranas (Iguanas and Frogs) was jumping with young Americans. Empty beer bottles lay on the tables, like trophies of de-

John Carlin finds Tijuana a sharp antidote to

the Republican Convention bauchery. At the entrance a sign in English read: "Rules and

Regulations: No ties allowed, worn at own risk; complaints ves, constructive criticism no; birthdays, anniversaries, divorces - we celebrate." If you were looking for a

respite from the suffocating family-values-God-Bless-America fest up north, here it was. The question in my mind was whether I would wander across a war-party of Republican grandees stumbling out of one of the seedy strip-joints, rows and rows of them, that lined

Revolution Avenue. But alas no. The closest I came to what might have been a fugitive Republican contingent - though upon inquiry I turned out to be disappointed again - was an encounter with an elderly, American couple from North Carolina posing for a photograph on a street corner. She was perched on the saddle of what looked like a zebra but I discovered, on closer inspection, was a white burro painted with black stripes. He was sitting on a red cart behind her. The backdrop was a brightly coloured scene of a half a dozen Aztec warriors standing on the edge of

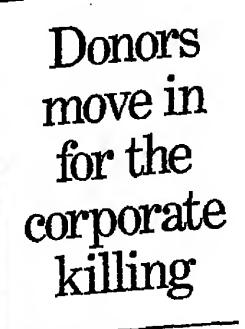
a lake from the shores of which rose a snow-peaked volcano.

I wandered on down the street and came across another Mexican zebra, then another, then another. They were so convincing that on the way back to the border I asked my taxidriver whether this was some special, striped variety of Mexican donkey. I wish I'd never asked. "No, senor, no," he said. "The Americanos, they think they are zebras. But they are just

burros. The people paint them."
I began to wonder whether the torso I'd seen on first entering Mexico, the old man cut literally in half, had also been an optical illusion. But I saw him

again and it wasn't, Then it was back across the border to the Republicans and Elizabeth Dole doing her Oprah Winfrey number, microphone in hand, telling American television viewers about her husband's terrible Second World War wounds. How he'd spent three years in hospital wondering whether he would ever walk again, getting off lightly in the end, assisted by the best surgeons in the world, with a gammy right arm. And then I thought of the torso, who was about Bob Dole's age, and how it was his misfortune to have been born south of the border.

In the imploring eyes and un-speakable, endless suffering of the old man the words of the turn-of-the-century dictator, Venustiano Carranza, continued to ring true. "Poor Mexico: so close to the United States, and so far from God."



San Diego Diary

Rather like the Olympic Games, or Wimbledon, the Republican National Convention affords big corporations the opportunity to entertain VIP guests. And very valued guests they are too, these politicians. How they vote in Congress can determine whether a company saves or loses a few million in taxes. Of course, most of the cocktails/dinner parties/boatcruises are sponsored by banks, tobacco companies or pharmaceutical giants that have already donated big money to Republican election candidates. So these are chiefly exercises, mutually beneficial, in friendship consolidation.

No company has been more friendly, it would appear, towards the Dole campaign than Caterpillar Solar Turbines, a local San Diego company. On the opening morning of the convention, the president of the company was granted the rare honour of addressing the delegates, and the rare privilege of having his company logo tem-porarily affixed to the microphone stand. Mr Dole stood to the Caterpillar president's right. Behind them, a metallic silver turbine served as a stage

The governor of California, Pete Wilson, had been denied the chance to address the convention because of his support for a woman's right to choose whether she has an abortion. But here was the president of Caterpillar, who began: "We are the finest American company in America's finest city. We have about 9,600 units ... " Mr Dole smiled and clapped his hands.

None of the conventioneers appeared to find anything odd or disturbing in this. For, so far, the convention has proved to be a masterly display of orchestrated party harmony. In fact, the organisation has been, at every level, breathtakingly efficient. This goes also for the demonstrations outside the vast convention building. Each is arranged according to a minutely accurate timetable. Each takes place in the same fencedin car park, a place known as the "Protest Zone". Thus the calendar of extra-curricular events, as provided by the National Journal Convention Daily, revealed on Monday, for ex-ample, that from 3.10 to 4.05 pm: "Handgun Control Inc. demonstration at Protest Zone:



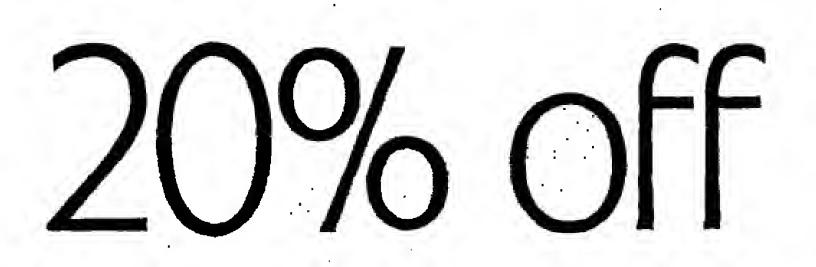
Old Strom: eighth term

4.20-5.15 pm, American Lung Association demonstration at Protest Zone; 5.30-6pm, the Coalition for Social and Economic Justice holds demor stration at Protest Zone; 6.40-9 pm Lesbian and Gay Rights rally at Protest Zone." And so on. and so forth every day. Even more remarkable is the fact that a couple of brief sallies by intrepid Independent reporters into the Zone revealed that the assorted placard-bearers and screamers were all keeping religiously to their agreed sched-

Forget Ronald and Nancy Reagan, even the 73-year-old nominee Bob Dole. The real Golden Oldie corner in this sanitized television infomercial that is the 1996 Republican convention is the South Carolina delegation, where the state's senior Senator Strom Thurmond is working the floor for votes. At the tender age of 93, Old Strom is seeking an eighth term this November If he completes it, he will be the first centenarian to sit in the Senate in US history.

"Naas tuh seeya," the wizened, beady-eyed figure tells admirers as he shuffles around the aisles, his gnarled hand gripping the arm of an aide. Thurmond knows the ropes of these occasions - he ran for President himself back in 1948 (when Dole was a young lad of 25) as candidate of the pro-segregation States' Rights movement. This time, though, he loved the Colin Powell speech. How come, wonders a young black delegate. "Aah've changed," grinned Old

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Across the divide: San Diego's Mexican neighbour

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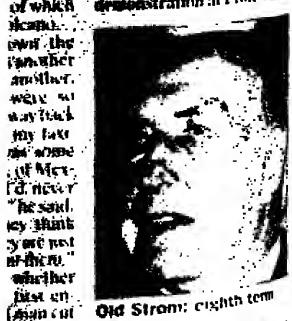
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ers (in German, of course; English subtitles are added) to illuminate his batonless gestures. His ultra-sensitive ears fasten on the slightest deviation from his intentions, and he sings the phrase as he wanted it. Yet the performance which follows, so assiduously prepared, comes across with astonishing freshness and apparent spontaneity. He once said that the quali-

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which over half is devoted to the

conductor's rehearsal session

with the Munich Philharmonic

Orchestra for the performance

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ty of an orchestra governed the number of rehearsals he needed, and the better the orchestra the more he rehearsed it. because the possibilities were greater. "There is no miracle in music," he declared, "only work." On occasion he did go too far, once so exacerbating a Rome orchestra in a particularly trying session that the players threw their music at him, bringing an abrupt cancellation of the

Among the most idiosyncratic engagement and a permanent

of orchestral conductors, Sergiu Celibidache was a rare figure in Celibidache was born at Iasi, Britain, where his visits in the capital of the Romanian propast 40 years can be counted on vince of Moldavia, where his the fingers of one hand. Always father was a government ada perfectionist, he priced himministrator. He began musical self beyond most orchestral education from the age of six, budgets by his demands for relater taking up philosophy and hearsal time, requiring a mini-mum of five or six sessions for higher mathematics. In 1936 he entered the Berlin Hochschule für Musik while continuing lar reasons he restricted his asstudies in the psychology of musociation with orchestras with sic and in philosophy at Friedrich Wilhelm University. Also about this time he met a Bodtion made possible a degree of dhist monk who had a profound effect on his Orthodox faith and

> In a combination of circumstances, his career was launched virtually at the top. At the end of the Second World War in 1945 he won a Berlin Radio competition for the principal conductorship of the Radio Symphony Orchestra there, but when Leo Borchard, then conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic, was shot after failing to stop his car when challenged by a US sentry, Celibidache was offered and accepted the more of one passage for another, he turned to conduct the London

his spiritual outlook thereafter.

He remained there until a rehabilitated Wilhelm Furtwangler returned in 1952, and is remembered for his hard work in rebuilding the Berlin Philharmonic in the aftermath of war. Part of his policy was to restock the orchestra's repertoire, including more than 120 non-German works, by Barber, Britten, Copland, Poulenc, Ravel, Shostakovich, Stravinsky and others, that the orchestra had never previously played, and regularly being given 10 or 12 rehearsals for a single

During his Berlin period Celibidache began making gramophone records, mainly of Mendelssohn, Mozart, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky and in advance of long-play or stereo sound, some of which reappeared on a CD a few years ago. When the use of magnetic tape for recording allowed for shorter "takes" and the substitution



virtually turned his back on a medium that he accused of producing "complete travesties". He believed that the tech-

nique of tape-editing meant "the end of the continuous and basic pulse necessary to bring the work to life in sound", and considered a recording only offered "an impression of what certain people thought and felt about the music at a certain time", making his views more explicit by reportedly describing a recorded performance as being "like a photograph of love-making".

From his Berlin base Celibidache began to travel more widely, making guest appearances elsewhere in Europe, in Israel and especially in South America. He made his US début in 1948 on a tour with the Berlin Philharmonic shared with Furtwängler, and in the same year first came to Britain for concerts with the London Philharmonic. He later re- it aptly applies to what I can re-

Symphony Orchestra and, although he appeared again since. my own last experience of his tall, lean-faced figure was at an LSO concert in 1962.

My review at the time ob-

served that the flamboyance and

eccentricity noted by colleagues 12 years previously had given way to more distinctive qualities of control and deliberation. He began the programme with Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony, played more as "pure" music than as scene-painting, with a gain in formal and textural beauty at the expense of some dramatic tension, and balanced that with Berlioz and a Camaval Romain overture of unashamed virtuosity, extreme delicacy and subtlety in Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye and rhythmic vitality in excerpts from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet.

Somebody once coined the term "Latin-Slavonic" to describe Celibidache's style, and call of him and to the few records that exist. His choice of tempo could be unconventional, and dynamic changes were often steeply graded. At the same time he could obtain an extraordinary delicacy of pi-

generous and well-balanced sonority, and enjoyed highlighting solo and sectional strands in the overall lexture while keeping bass instruments playing extremely quietly. According to him, a satisfactory performance could only be achieved by working over long

anissimo playing as well as a

periods with profound concentration, to ensure an overall grasp of character and content as well as finesse of detail. He had influential periods with the radio orchestras at Stuttgart from 1959 and Stockholm between 1962 and 1971 (radio orchestras, he found, were usually allowed more rehearsal time), and was a knight of the Swedish Order of Vasa. In 1979 he became music director of the Munich Philharmonic, and in 1985

he joined the faculty at the Curtis Institute, Philadelphia. Celibidache composed works of his own, including a Requiem, four symphonies, a piano concerto and Der Taschengarten, an orchestral suite which he did record, with the

Stuttgart Radio Orchestra, on behalf of Unicef, but little of his music has been heard. Away from the concert-hall he had an interest in sport, having been a keen footballer in his vouth (his first engagement on coming to London was to attend an Arsenal match), but music enveloped his life more completely than most.

Noci Goodwin

Sergiu Celihidache, conductor: born Iasi. Romania 28 June 1912; Conductor and Artistic Director, Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra 1946-51; Cluef Conductor, Munich Philharmonic. Orchestra 1979-96; married tone son); died Paris 14 August 1996.

But in One-Horse Farm he did

shows how much we missed be-

cause he was so austere in his

reluctance to use many words,

and in 1949 he married the cel-

list Pamela Hind. He shared

with her an expertise on folk-

song, a form of music which fit-

ted his love of what was direct,

and simple, and of the people.

He had never been a church-

goer, though his attitude to life

was so full of reverence, but with

her he found refreshment in

worship, and in his last years the

live of quiet meant that he was

attracted towards the way of

His first wife died suddenly

Professor Tadeus Reichstein

Tadeus Reichstein was one of the century's great masters of organic chemistry.

gazette/obituaries

In 1933 he made his first great contribution to organic chemistry by the invention of the first practical synthesis of Vitamin C. This involved, as the key steps, the reduction of glucase to sorbital followed by the microbiological oxidation of the latter to L-sorbose. Thus, long before the present emphasis on enzymatic methods in organic synthesis. Reichstein carried out a remarkably efficient oxidation of this kind. What is even more remarkable is that the modern synthesis of Vitamin C, carried out all over the world on a scale of many thousands of tons per annum, still uses the Reichstein procedure. There can be few sophisticated syntheses which have Reichstein was born in Wło-

stood the test of time so well. clawek, in Poland, in 1897. In his early years, he lived in Kiev in Ukraine, and in 1905, with other family members, moved to Berlin and then to Zurich. Swiss citizenship was granted to his family in 1914.

He graduated from the presigious Eidgenossische Technische Hochshule (ETH) in 1920 with a degree in chemical engineering. After a short spell in industry, he returned to the ETH and completed a PhD in organic chemistry in 1925 under the guidance of Hermann Staudinger, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry

Together Standinger and Reichstein investigated the odiferous constituents of coffee. When Staudinger moved to Freiburg in 1925, Reichstein continued this research and his work became the basis for the production of the modern. powdered extracts of coffee. In 1930, he became an In-

structor at the ETH; in 1934 was



Reichstein: isolated cortisone

appointed Assistant Professor: and in 1937 Associate Professor. From 1933 onwards, he became interested in the structure and synthesis of carbohydrates. He would wait patiently for years for crystallisation to take

Another important interest now came to the forefront in his work on the isolation of the bormones of the adrenal cortex. Reichstein isolated all of the hormones, numbering 27 in total, and obtained all of them in crystalline form. Among these he named corticosterone. Parallel work was being undertaken by Professor Edward C. Kendall in the United States, and not surprisingly, in 1950, Reichstein and Kendall, as well as the clinician Dr Philip C. Hench, were jointly awarded a Nobel Prize for Medicine. Hench had postulated that cor-

In the meantime, Reichstein had moved to Basel University as Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacy from 1938. There was still another chapter to come in the chemistry of the adrenal cortical hormones. From the so-called non-crystalline fraction. Reichstein and his colleagues, in collaboration with the Swiss chemical company CIBA, isolated the life-supporting hormone aldosterone. Since the natural product was available in only minute amounts and was difficult to synthesise by the known chemistry of the day, there resulted a huge international academic-industrial effort to provide aldosterone for clinical work. Involved in this work myself,

I devised a new reaction which solved the problem. Reichstein took a different approach and went off to Africa to look for natural steroids of the cardiac glycoside family which might have the right functionality. In this quest, he did not obtain any precursor of aldosterone, but he made another important contribution to the chemistry of the cardiae glycosides.

The expedition to Africa brought out another side of his scientific talent - his expertise in botanical classification. I remember well an expedition that Reichstein and I made in 1964 to the Takeda Botanical Gardens, near Kyolo, in Japan, on the occasion of a symposium held by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. All the plants were given their correct bolanical names in the Asiatic section, but in the European section Reichstein found two plants which were incorrectly named. I was afraid that the director of the gardens, who was our guide, would commit hara-kiri on the spot, but he restrained himself and agreed to make the appropriate

At the age of 70, Reichstein retired from his chair of chemistry; he continued his work in chemistry for another five years and then, at the age of 75, announced that he planned to become a botanist. It was in this subject, as an expert in the classification of ferns, that he continued an active career for nearly 25 years. At 90 years of age, he was still speaking at least four languages with the same facility as when he was 40.

Several years ago I was in Pakistan at a luncheon, scated next to a university vicechancellor. I found out that he was also an expert in the classification of ferns. The vicechancellor had no idea of Reichstein's age or the fact that he had gained a Nobel Prize, and thought that Reichstein was about 40 years old young botanist. In fact, Reichstein published about 40 papers in properly refereed botanical journals during the last stage of his career,

D. H. R. Barton

Tadeus Reichstein, chemist and botanist: born Wloclawek Poland 20 July 1897; Professor of Organic Chemistry, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule. Zurich 1930-38; Professor of Pharmacy, University of Basle 1938-46. Professor of Organic Chemistry 1946-67 (Emeritus): Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology 1950; Royal Society Copley Medal 1968, married ticosterone might be effective in 1927 Louise von Ufford the treatment of arthritis; it is (one daughter); died Busle, now known to us as cortisone. Switzerland 1 August 1996.

Raymond O'Malley

F. R. Leavis left the reputation of being the most cantankerous teacher of English in modern times; to the extent that some of his colleagues refused to speak to him. Raymond O'Malley was dedicated to Leavis and his ideas on the teaching of English. Even when he was an undergraduate at Trinity College, Cambridge, he felt Leavis be his inspirer.

O'Malley was the least cantankerous of persons, with a sweetness of nature and a sense of infinite quiet and gentleness, yet underneath he had unshakeable convictions about the nature of civilisation and the essential part which language and its proper use must play in creating and fostering a humane society.

From his first teaching post at Dartington Hall, the progressive school in Devon, he spent a long life in encouraging young people in both aspects of English literature: the right use of the language in the present; and the love of its great writers of the past in prose and poetry, a love which must help us to Greek in his outlook but to



O'Mailey: stirring silences

know what words can do, both for good and for ill. This affection for the language always had a moral content; we do not deal only in taste or in pleasure, we deal in demagogues, and hoodwinking by politicians, and the disadvantages of a system of advertising, we deal in the sinister ways in which words can corrupt and lower as well as the ways in which they can elevate

words truth and beauty had a When the war ended he pubpowerful moral content. He lished an account of the expetried to show his pupils the preciousness of books; as visions of where we are not, they take us to other countries which we have never seen, or to sciences of which as yet we know nothing, or to the past which humanity cannot experience with directness. Teaching in his first few years when dictators ruled almost all Europe but France and Scandinavia, he could contemplate with horror the burnforeign broadcasts, and yet these were all proof that tyrants fear the printed word and freedom of the mind more than they fear bombs.

When the Second World War came O'Malley registered as a conscientious objector. He had to appear before more than one tribunal and they said that he must do agricultural work. about which he knew nothing. He obeyed the order by going

O'Malley, like the Greeks, the not far from Kyle of Lochalsh. rience in a book of the first rank, One-Horse Farm (1948), certainly the best book about crofting ever written and one of the best about life in the Highlands, a look back upon four years of a slogging, heartbreaking, muddy, middle-infested and enchanting way of existence. Central to the enchantment

is the moral quiet of the book against its background of distant slaughter in Europe, still with ing of books, and forms of a sense of wonder at all the fresh censorship, and the barring of air, too much fresh air, and the curious behaviour of the animals, and the friendliness of the Highlanders, and the moorland and bog and bracken. He could be fascinating

about the nature of writing. Moderns read millions of thrillers. Shakespeare wrote a thriller in Mocheth, quite a good blood-and-thunder though the plot is not of the best. O'Malley would then ask, what did Shakespeare put into his Perhaps he was not very with his first wife Dorothy to thriller which made it a far big-

Herbert Huncke

detective stories or melodramas? In teaching about writing there were two qualities which he especially sought. The first was simplicity. He had a faith that the most complex ideas are capable of being expressed in uncomplicated language. The second was proportion. More than many teachers, he valued the discipline of the précis – see if you can say the same thing in a much smaller space and then test what you have lost by doing it.

For someone who so loved

words, he used surprisingly few. Yet his silences, or his little sentences, stirred other people to talk and to think. They were the sort of silences which it was fun to be part of. This applied also to what he published. He wrote or contributed to several short books to help people to write English and show them how to study it, including English 1-V. co-written with Denys Thompson, and published from 1955 to 1960. Precis and Comprehension

prayer in the Society of Friends. Owen Chadwick

Raymond O'Malley, teacher: born 15 August 1909; Lecturer in English, Southampton Universin. 1989-61; University Lecturer in English, Cambridge University 1961-76; Fellow of Selvyn College, Cambridge 1972-77; married 1936 Dorothy Apthorp (deceased), 1949 Pamela Hind

(1964, published as Comprehension and Summary in 1970),

Herbert Huncke was the Jean Genet of the Beat Generation. A homosexual poet-thief, he was once as familiar with Times Square dives and New York prisons as he was later to become with fashionable salons and literary landmarks.

Huncke was the author of some slim books of stories, including Huncke's Journal (1965) and The Evening Sun Turned Crimson (1980), and a memoir engagingly entitled Guilty of Everything (1990). His prose was that of a natural raconteur, telling weird stories, such as the tale of his friendship with the hermaphrodite Elsie-John, in a deadpan, unaffected voice. But

ouac, Allen Ginsberg and sophisticated talents but far though he was returned home, less knowledge of the belowstreet-level "beat" world. Indeed, it was from Huncke (pronounced to rhyme with junkie") that Kerouac and his friends first heard the term in the mid-1940s. The numbers of "beat" have been debated ever since, but to a man of Huncke's

experience the sense was un-

pretentiously clear: "I meant

beaten, the world against me."

middle-class family in Green-

Born to a respectable,

Generation was to act as a and raised in Chicago, Huncke muse to those such as Jack Ker- was regarded by his father as "the weak sister". He first ran William Burroughs, with more away at the age of 12 and, alit was not before he had served an apprenticeship in the world of hustlers, prostitutes, pickpockets and drug pedlars that later accommodated him when he ran off again, to New York. There, in 1944, he met

coat, spectacles, hat and tic and put him down as "heat" (police). Modifying this impression slightly later, Huncke wrote, with his characteristic baroque elegance, "Certainly his appearance was not indicative of anything suggesting nefarious activity." Burroughs was turned on to

hard drugs by Huncke, who thereafter served the author of William Burroughs, a Harvard Junkie (1953) and Naked Lunch eraduate and heir to the Bur-(1959) as a "sort of Virgilian guide to the lower depths". At roughs Machine Corps (makers of the adding machine), who the end of the 1940s, he was partly responsible for taking anwas almost scientific. Huncke other Beat Generation figure was alarmed at Burroughs' undown to the lower depths, when

Fuller, preacher and biographer.

1661; Andrew Marvell, poet, 1678;

with Huncke and others for harbouring stolen goods. At the Long Island precinct house where the police took the suspects, Huncke caught sight of Ginsberg "peering around with a woebegone expression ... he was saying Jewish prayers. I felt so sorry for him."

The incident surely stretched Ginsberg's tolerance to the limit - he was sent to a mental hospital for treatment, while Huncke received a five-year prison term - but, like Bur- Arabic-looking man, with an "Saint Genet") with "holy man who is sincerely miserable." the Chelsea Hotel, but strong City & August 1996.

his true function in the Beat field, Massachusetts, in 1915, hip outfit - Chesterfield over- Allen Ginsberg was arrested creephood". Later, Ginsberg edited Huncke's writings and found him a publisher.

> three seminal Beat novels: Go by John Ciellon Holmes (1952), Burroughs's Junkie (1953), in which he appears as "Herman", and the early Bildungsroman by Kerouac. The Town and the City (1950), where he is described as "a small dark,

Huncke gained his place in American socio-cultural history in another way, too. In the But long before he became a mid-1940s, he earned money by writer himself. Huncke had atsupplying information about his sex life to Dr Alfred Kinsey, tained a place in literature, featuring as a character in the with whom he got along well. and to whom he introduced other members of the Beat Generation: "I became a pimp for Kinsey," he wrote.

Earlier this year, the novelist Iain Sinclair interviewed Huncke while researching a expectation of death". programme about the Beats for radio. He found the 80-yearroughs, he remained loyal to the oval face and huge blue eyes old lifetime chain smoker and proto-hipster, even investing that were lidded wearily al- drug user existing in a hot-house him (rather as Sartre did with ways . . . he had the look of a temperature in his tiny room at



Huncks: 'holy creephood'

of voice and "untroubled by James Campbell

Herbert Huncke, writer: born Greenfield, Massachusetts 9 December 1915; died New York

estate valued at £2,005,102 net, She

left £1,000 to Battersea Dogs Home.

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Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

NEUBERGER: On 14 August, peace-fully at home, Professor Albert Neu-berger CBE FRS, husband of Lilian and father of David, James, Antho-ny and Michael Funeral, 10am inday, 16 August, Bushey Cemetery, Prayers at home, 8pm, Sanday to Wednesday, No flowers.

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Birthdays Mr Bruce Beresford, film director.

56; Miss Ann Blyth, actress, 68; The Right Rev Royald Bowlby, former Bishop of Southwark, 70; Miss Ann Chant, chief executive, Child Support Agency, 51; Sir Philip Dowson, ar-chitect, 72; Mr George Gallowsy MP, 42; Lord Gillmore of Thamesfield, former Head of the Diplomatic Service, 62; Miss Eydie Gorme, singer, 64, Miss Katharine Hamnett, fashion designer, 49; Mr Trevor Mc-Donaki, news reader, 57; Madonna (Louise Verson Ciccione), rock singer, 38; Sir Donald Manland, former chairman, Health Education Authority, 74; Mr Thomas Maschler, publisher, Jonathan Cape Children's Books, 63: Mr Danny Moss, saxophonist, 69; Mr Fess Parker, actor, 70; Mr John Standing (Sir John

William St Clair Symmers, pathologist, 79; Mr Jeff Thomson, cricketer. 6: Mr Arthur Walsh, chairman, National Transcommunications, 70; Sir Jack Wellings, former chairman, the 600 Group, 79; Mr Franz Welser-Most, music director, the London Philharmonic, 36; Professor Brian Woledge, Emeritus Professor of French Language and Literature, London University, 92

had an interest in low life that

Anniversaries Births: Jean de La Bruyère, essayist and moralist, 1645; Catharine Cockburn, playwright and philosopher, 1679; Sir Thomas Picton, general, 1758; Arthur Cayley, mathematician, 1821; Jules Laforgue, poet and critic, 1860; Dame Mary Gilmore, poet, 1865; Georgette Heyer, novelist, 1902: Wendell Meredith Stanley, Leon Bt), actor. 62; Professor biochemist, 1904. Deaths: Thomas

Jacques Bernoulli, mathematician, 1705; Matthew Tindal, writer, 1733; Joe Miller, comedian, 1738; Catherine Phillips (Payton), Quaker missionary, 1794; Duncan Phyle (File). cabinetmaker, 1854; Ramakrishna (Gadadhur Chanerji), Hindu mystic, 1886; Robert Wilhelm Bunsen, chemist and inventor, 1899; Sir Joseph Norman Lockyer, astronomer, 1920; George Herman "Babe" Ruth, baseball player, 1948; Margaret Minnerlyn Mitchell, 20that of Gone With the Wind, 1949; Louis Jouvel, actor and director, 1951; Bela Lugosi (Bela Blasko), ac-101, 1956; Wanda Louis Landowska, harpsichordist, 1959; Elvis Aaron Presley, rock singer, 1977; Stewart Granger, (James Lablanche Stewart), actor, 1993. On this day: Henry VIII and his army defeated the

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French at Guinegatte in the Battle of the Spurs, 1513; the Jesuits were expelled from Rome, 1773; during Napoleon's invasion of Russia, the Battle of Smolensk began, 1812; the Peterloo Massacre took place at St Peter's Field, Manchester, 1819; the trial of Queen Caroline for adultery began, 1820; the Republic of Bolivia was proclaimed, 1825; the Russians were repulsed by the Piedmontese, the British and the French at the Battle of Tchernaya during the Crimean War, 1855; Wagner's opera Siegfried was first performed, Bayreuth 1876; the Tate Gallery, London, was opened, 1897; the explorer William Beebe descended 3,028ft (1,922m) in his bathysphere into the ocean near Bermuda, 1934; following heavy thunderstorms, flooding brought devastation to Lynton, Devon, 1952; Cyprus became an independent republic, 1960; Britain applied for

membership of the EEC, 1961; after taking control of most of Northern Cyprus, Turkish forces called a cease. fire, 1974. Today is the Feast Day of of Hungary.

Lectures

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, Summer Holidays (iii): Constable in Weymouth Bay and Salisbury", Ipm. National Portrait Gallery (guided tour): "Breaking the Code: mystery and meaning in 16th and 17th century patients", 2.30pm.

Desmond Christopher Shawe-Taylor. of Wimborne, Dorset, the music critic, left estate valued at £1.287.243

Sir Thomas Padmore, of London No. former Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer 1943. 45 and Permaneut Secretary to the St Armel, St Arsacius and St Stephen Minister of Transport 1962-68, left estate valued at £754,068 pet. Sir Kenneth Robinson, of London

NW5, Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain 1972-82, and former politican, left estate valued at £407,475 ncl. Donald Douglas McPhail, of Pinner.

£3.046,540 net.

Middlesex, left estate valued at £6,160,644 net. He left to each employee of the firm know as McPhail Brothers who have completed not less than 10 years employment, £1,000 each; 20 years employment, £1,500: and 40 years, \$2,000.

Diana Garrett, of London SW10, left

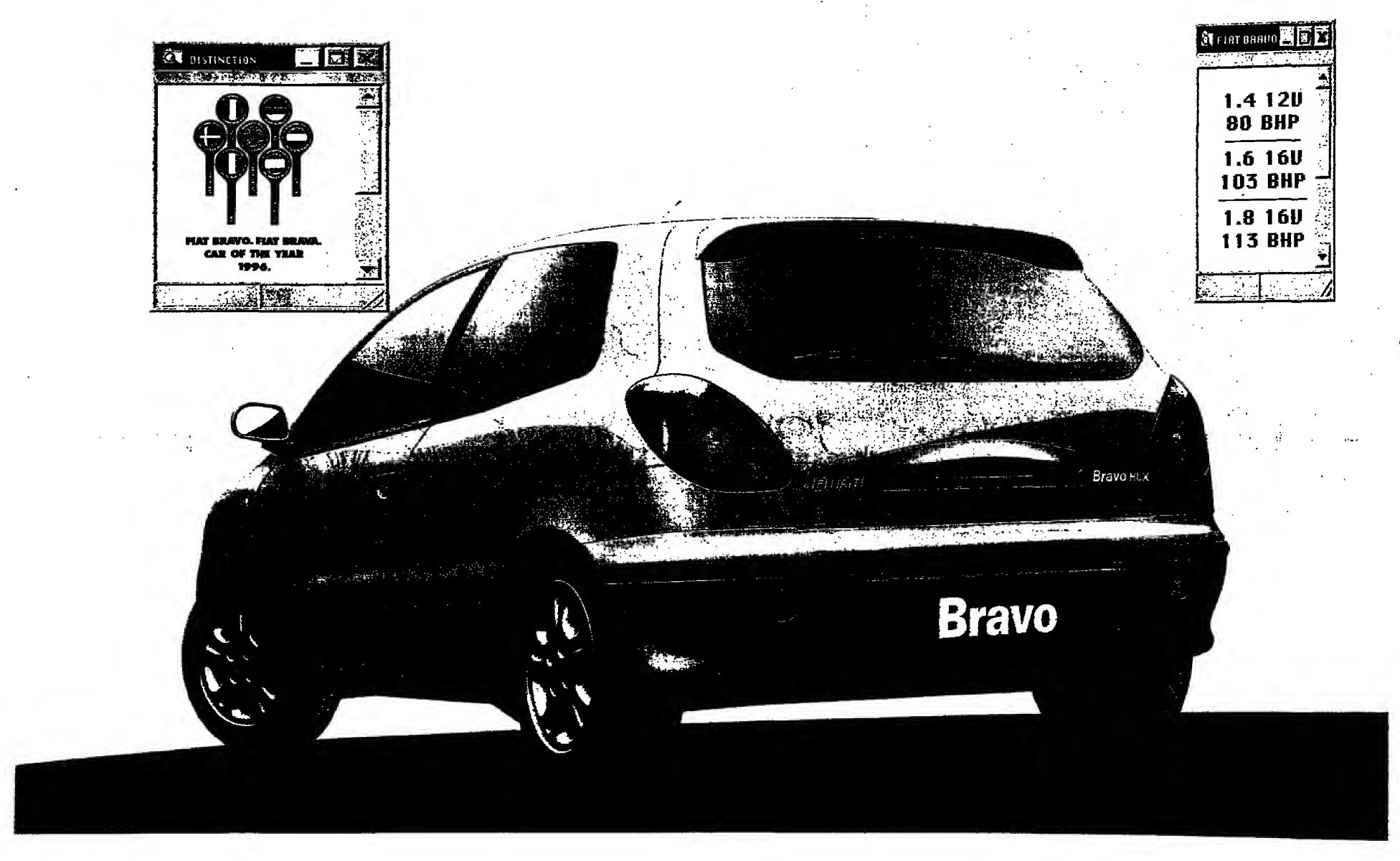
Robert Cecil Gabriel, of Bournemouth, Dorset, left estate valued at

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham; 3rd Barration Roval Gurkha Rifles mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, U.Stam, hand provided by the Irish Guards.

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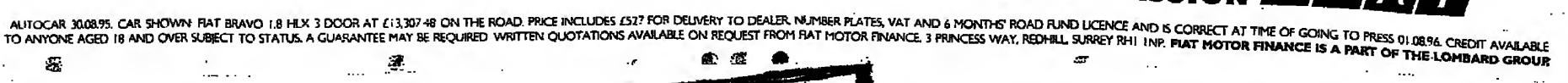
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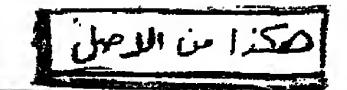
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Let's try harder to heal the wounds of Cyprus

he killing of two Greek Cypriots during anti-Turkish demon-. strations on Cyprus is the most serious setback in many years to international efforts to keep the that subsequently took place in northpeace, reunite the island and settle one of the world's oldest disputes. Recent efforts, led by the United States, have concentrated less on the territorial and constitutional issues which are the core of the Cyprus a separate Turkish Cypriot state problem than on measures to reduce recognised by no country except military tensions along the United Nations buffer zone that separates the Turkish-occupied north from the Greek Cypriot south. This week's clashes threaten to destroy even this cautious US initiative.

Responsibility for the violence last Sunday and Wednesday lies partly with the Greek Cypriot protesters, some of whom were clearly trying to provoke an incident with the Turkish authorities by breaching the UN buffer zone and threatening to burst into the Turkish north. However, the Turkish response was too severe. Shooting unarmed demonstrators and UN peacekeepers (two British soldiers were wounded) cannot be justined under any circumstances. Moreover, the demonstrations were sparked by the fact that Turkey and its Turkish Cypriot clients have defied international opinion by perpetuating the division of Cyprus for 22 years.

Turks defend the 1974 invasion on

the grounds that it followed a Greekinspired coup intended to bring about Cyprus's annexation by Greece. Yet this serves as no excuse for everything em Cyprus: the expulsion of almost all ethnic Greeks, the seizure of Greek property, the settlement of Anatolian Turks to consolidate the area's Turkish identity, and the proclamation of Turkey. Both Greek and Turkish Cypriots have done wrong to each other in their island's troubled history, but - as numerous UN resolutions and reports have recognised - the main obstacle to progress has long been the Turkish reluctance to reverse

Western governments, including Britain, as the former colonial power, can hardly be said to have made Cyprus a foreign policy priority over the past 22 years. That has served to strengthen the perception of Cyprus as the sort of problem that just never gets solved. Yet, for all the difficulties, there continue to be opportunities for imaginative diplomacy.

Cyprus's de facto partition.

As in Bosnia, it may be too late to recreate Cyprus as a state where different nationalities live in mixed communities. An entire generation of Greek and Turkish Cypriots has grown up not knowing what it is like to have a member of the other nation-



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ality as their neighbour. Enemy stereotypes prevail in each side's view of the other. Ethnic separation has become a fact of life. However, to accept separation is not to accept partition of Cyprus into two states, each with international legal status. The best solution remains the UN proposal for a bi-zonal federation with cast-iron guarantees for Turks as the smaller nationality. There would be only one Cyprus for international purposes, but Turks would play a full role in the state's political, economic and cultural life and suffer no dis-

crimination. In time, the question of

compensation for those Greeks who lost property in the north would have to be addressed, but it should not delay agreement on setting up the federation.

As things stand, this proposal seems unacceptable to Turkey, which insists that northern Cyprus is a separate state. Yet Turkish and Turkish Cypriot attitudes may change as a result of the European Union's decision to open membership negotiations with the internationally recognised government of Cyprus. The talks will probably start in the first half of 1998 and could be entry would pose few economic problems to existing EU members.

The EU hopes to bring in Cyprus as a united country, not just the Greek south, but says that failure to settle the island's Greco-Turkish disputes should not hold up Cyprus's admission. Should negotiations on reuniting Cyprus remain deadlocked, the EU could take in the Greek south alone. By raising that prospect, the EU aims to concentrate Turkish Cypriot minds and generate momentum towards a political settlement on

Yet'if this strategy is to succeed, the EU must show the Turkish Cypriots over the next four to five years that it is overwhelmingly in their interest to join the EU with their Greek compatriots. A strong case to this effect can be made. Living standards in northern Cyprus are about one-fifth the level of those in the Greek south, and will continue to stagnate as long as the north is burdened with the presence of 30,000 seldiers from Turkey. Foreign investigent is low, and unlikely to pick up while the north is stuck with the label of a pariah state.

Yet such arguments will make little impression if Turkey insists on maintaining Cyprus's partition. Here is where the US comes into play. As Turkey's major ally, it must make a more determined effort to break concluded by 2001, because Cyprus's down Ankara's intransigence over forget.

Cyprus. The US should try to modify the apparent impression of Turkish leaders that Washington cares little about Cyprus when weighing it against Turkey's strategic importance to US interests.

Overcoming the Cyprus dispute is no easy task. It could still be with us 20 years from now. Nevertheless, we should not give up. The status quo is undesirable and, as this week's events have shown, full of latent dangers. More can, and should, be done.

Fighting on the beaches

That lengths a woman will go for W one red rose. Glenda Jackson has gone all they way to Benidorm - which. let's face it, is a long way from her Hampstead constituency - pursuing suncream-lathered young voters.

Good for Glenda, After all, we can't have people sloping off on holiday, forgetting about the nation's troubles, indulging in mindless sau and sex, escaping the important matter of who should run the country.

We should keep reminding them. whether on the ground, in the air, or on the beaches, that POLITICS MATTERS. Otherwise they might

Prevent tragedy

Sir: The gravity of the situation in

emphasised. The dire tragedy in Rwanda in 1994 means that every effort should be made to ensure

that it is not repeated in Burundi.

The members of the United Nations Security Council failed to fulfil their obligations towards the people of Rwanda two years ago,

despite the appeals to them by the UN Secretary-General. In Burundi, the UN and many others have

conflict but the present situation has renewed fears of an horrific tragedy.

The United Nations Association

worked hard to prevent the outhreak of a major genocidal

of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland has called upon the British

government to refer this renewed

threat to international peace and security to the Council without delay.

In our view, the Council should

do three things
1. Work with the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), Dr Julius Nyerere, the UN Centre for

Human Rights and all the parties

to the dispute in Burundi in order to establish a dialogue leading to

reconciliation, justice and peace.

early 1990s - aimed at conflict

democracy; assisting refugees; promoting Unesco's educational

work; ensuring that UN human rights monitors can operate

anywhere: deploying adequate numbers of civilian police and

and social development

military personnel to work with their Burundian counterparts to try and provide better protection for civilians; funding a major economic

programme; setting up a UN radio ition to provide objective

information; seeking ways to end

considering a visit by a group of leading religious leaders.

3. As a standby measure.

now for a contingency plan to establish a UN enforcement

operation with the objective of

preventing or stopping genocide.

The plan should ensure that the

troops involved are fully capable of

using the appropriate equipment.

These proposals would prove far

less costly than doing nothing and,

Great Britain and Northern Ireland

more importantly, would save

thousands of lives.

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the illegal arms trade; and seriously

developing and pledging resources

prevention and a return to

2. Offer immediately to mount a

major initiative - broadly similar to the UN plan for Cambodia of the

in Burundi

Burundi cannot be over-

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

League tables distort exam results

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Sir: The debate on examination standards ("On your marks: record grades trigger the race for places". 15 August) is in danger of ignoring the social and political context. Since 1988 schools and colleges have been encouraged to operate as competing small businesses. where examination league tables provide the criteria for success. At the same time the examination boards have suffered from increasingly centralised direction in terms of syllabus content and examination structure.

Taken together, these factors have distorted what was previously a relatively constructive competition to improve the quality of exams through innovation and extended choice among boards. Since, as even the Government now admits, information from league tables is flawed and misleading, forcing schools to compete on this basis will lead inevitably to a distortion of the education process.

Rather than concentrate attention on the the difficult, and probably irresolvable, issue of whether or not standards have changed, we believe that the time is right for a full and independent inquiry into the many effects of league tables, which are now beginning to emerge.
Professor HARVEY GOLDSTEIN
Professor CELIA HOYLES Professor RICHARD NOSS

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Sir: Unlike driving tests, which level of competency, I believe that A-level examinations should be a measure of a candidate's ability relative to his or her peers. After all, candidates are competing with their peers for educational and employment opportunities.
The current A-level grading

system in England and Wales appears to measure absolute ability against a fixed performance benchmark. Unless this is changed, improving educational standards driven by increasing competition will inevitably lead to higher and higher pass rates. Differentiating candidates' performance will thus become increasingly difficult, devaluing the qualifications themselves. The same proportion of pupils sitting an A-level examination should be awarded each grade regardless of whether educational standards are rising or SIMON HARRISON Edinburgh

Sir. My son just received his A-level results and gained a much deserved place at his preferred university. His achievements are infinitely better than mine. The reason? He worked a lot harder than I did because he had to.

The entry requirements these days, particularly of the older universities, are rising year by year and students and their teachers are striving to match these

demands. Today's rises in A-level standards are the result of an increasingly demanding higher education market place. There is no decline in standards of examination. RICHARD WELCH Denbigh, North Wales



Don't blame guns for violence

Sir: Your leading article ("Our shield against a gun culture", 14 August) filled me with dismay. I might not disagree with your conclusion but I deplote your abandonment of decent journalistic standards and libertarian values.

The call by the Dunblane families and their supporters for a ban on handguns has been presented as an emotional crusade. The Dangerous Dogs Act constitutes recent evidence that emotion alone is no basis for legislation. Accordingly, to describe the 48-page report of the Home Affairs Select Committee as "perfunctory" and to accuse the Government of "hiding" behind the Cullen inquiry is disgraceful.

There is also a deeper point. Although firearms in the wrong hands may be regarded as uniquely dangerous, concentrating on a ban on handeuns carries with it the moral hazard of believing that we will have done what is necessary to prevent a second Dunblane when. in reality, we will have done nothing about the underlying problem. Your leader would have been

better entitled, "Our shield against a violent culture", and the ban you should have called for is on the level of violence currently portrayed unremittingly on screen and stage. STEPHEN MULLINER Haslemere, Surrey

Sir. In various times past weapons have been accepted in public society as normal: daggers were merely part of everyday dress, swords the necessary accountement of a gentleman, duelling the final recourse of honour. But the time

came when - despite great opposition and cost - these relics of savagery were seen to be incompatible with a developed civil order and they were probibited.

The time has now come to do the same for firearms. Invariably, opposition to such developments has been from the

male of the species, almost as if it were an attack on his virility. From childhood, boys delight in their guntoting fantasies of destruction and aggression. Well, it's time now to say to such immature and retarded adults, grow up, playtime is over. Fr DOMINIC KIRKHAM Manchester

Sir. I note that your correspondent, Colonel Badger (Letters, 13 August), cannot understand why civilian owners of firearms keep them at home, when servicemen are not permitted to do the same with their personal weapons. No doubt he was also puzzled to discover that military drivers go home in their own cars, and not in the Land Rovers and trucks they have been driving on duty. The difference that he is missing is that the firearms belonging to members of shooting clubs are their private property, not

the property of the state. This raises the issue of compensation for gun owners should the Government decide to deprive them of their legally acquired private property. Adequate compensation would cost the taxpayer several hundreds of millions of pounds. Which part of the budget will foot the bill? A BRIARD Warminster, Wiltshire

No such thing as a green car

Sir: Greenpeace is doing the environment no favours at all by producing a "menthol car" ("Why isn't the world's motor industry willing to produce a car like this?", 14 August).

By producing a car that is more fuel efficient and which produces fewer harmful emissions, Greenpeace is merely assisting in the inexorable growth of car ownership. Depletion of fossil fuels and global warming caused by carbon dioxide emissions are only two elements of the environmental degradation wreaked by the car. The destruction of the countryside by motorways, the clogging of towns by traffic jams and the slaughter of pedestrians and wildlife will continue even if the cringingly named "Smile" car is widely taken up; in fact they will probably worsen, as drivers kid themselves that they are now "environmentally friendly".

There are only two ways to reverse the rise of the car. prohibitive taxes on both ownership and use and substantial investment in public transport. If Greenpeace is serious about saving the environment that is where it should be expending its energies. AL DINGWALL Brighton

Sir. Nicholas Schoon (14 August) might help to prod a recalcitrant motor industry towards using more fuel-efficient car designs - or so Greenpeace hopes. The salient

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features of the Greensettee," . Renault concept car the sa similar to Ettore Bugatti's Type 68 (designed in 1941) that we wonder whether this £1.1m project, led by

Wolfgang Lohbeck, owes something to the manter. Bugatu's supercharged, 16-valve four-cylinder engine, of 370cm, was designed to run at between 9 and -12 thousand rpm. It was of "modern" aluminium construction

with one-piece connecting rods; Lightness, particularly of wheels and suspension components, had long been a hallmark of Bugatti designs. Two- and foor-seat variants of this fael-efficient Bugatti were envisaged. Prototypes of the wartime project were built one is in the Musée National de l'Automobile in France (The Schlumpf Collection and another is being restored in the UK. RICHARD DAY Curator, The Bugatti Trust Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Welsh anthem

Sir. With reference to Clare Garner's article "Birge-like" anthem hitting the wrong note" (13 August) I should like to point out that "Men of Harlesh" is with the

Welsh national antitem. The Weish anthers is Land of my Fathers", or to give it its correct Welsh title, "Mae Hen Wlad Py Nhadhau", 85 any rugby spectator would gladly point out, given that this beautiful song receives its most frequent airing at Cardiff Arms Park.
JULIE CAUSLEY Briton Ferry, West Glantergan

Tory demons

Sir: I was disturbed by the rather dippant treatment in your editorial (13 August) of the current Conservative advertising campaign. The anti-Blair imagery is reiniuscent of that used on posters and placards in the early Seviet Union, in the Weimar Republic and more recently in Israel. The demonisation of individuals (Trotsky, Rathenau, Rabin) and groups (capitalists. tulats, Jews, Communists, Palestinians) ended in murder. The Conservatives have no such purpose, and they have clearly made a dreadful error. They should quietly drop the current posters and broadcasts before serious damage is done. JONATHAN OSMOND Professor of Modern European History University of Wales

Happy hogs

Siz. The importance of keeping pigs cool and happy ("Porkers in the shower bring home the bacon", 15 Attest) has long been recognised. in the 1770s the enterprising laird of Cromarty, in the north of Scotland, had a "hog-yard" built which was thought to be the only dee of its kind in the country.

In 1781 an official survey noted that "When the weather is hot, the hogs are every dry day in summer driven to the sea; and after bathing and cooling themselves, each returns to its own place. This metable practice facilitates the fattening, and makes the flesh firm and high flavoured." DAVID ALSTON Cromany; Scotland

Director, UN Association of

A desperate plea Sir: Five years ago my wife gave birth to our second child. Unfortunately, we now find the cost of having two children quite high, particularly as my nine-year-old son has taken a keen interest in golf. I understand that there are

plenty of caring people about who are willing to donate money to alleviate the plight of people in a similar situation to myself. Could 1 ask them, therefore, to donate generously to my family? I think £30,000 would be enough to ensure that my son and I could afford to play golf at a reasonable club until he is no longer a financial burden

on his poor old parents. Without this money my wife may have to undergo unnecessary fertility treatment with a view to becoming pregnant with a ridiculously large number of children/foetuses. Thanks in advance.

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When change follows change follows change, the party is bound to be left feeling uneasy'

Labour's deputy leader John Prescott talks to Colin Brown about party unity and the urge to win

Labour, left Britain for a fortnight's holiday in the United States with a warning for Tony Blair to build Labour's election campaign on substance, not "soundbites"

After the row over Clare Short, which Mr Prescott smoothed over, the deputy leader of the Labour Party is determined to make sure that Labour's general election campaign strategy is built on policy issues, not image. That, he believes, is the way to preserve the unity in the party to polling

"I have apprehensions about techniques and campaigning that comes from America.

"Of course I am prepared to listen to Americans, Germans, Australians, anybody to see what the techniques are. But it's horses for courses. Negative campaigning I don't think works here. I am very much against it.

"The success in rebutting lies is one thing - there are some things you can use - but British politics is more about substance of ideas and less about the image, though I fear we are drifting in that way.

"I think this election has got to be about ideas, principles and substance, and not simply image, because that is the one thing that unites all parts of the

holiday, driving around New Catholic. I have common England and Cape Cod, before accord with him." attending the Democrat convention in Chicago to back Bill Clinton's presidential campaign as guests of Senator Chris Clintonisation of the Labour tance to Labour's campaign,



Modern spirit: John Prescott has been cast as a traditionalist, but he says there is no disagreement with Tony Blair about the direction of change

Dodd of Connecticut, a per-Clinton's welfare cuts. He's a man after my own heart. He is also a courageous man because he has been a supporter of Mr Prescott and his wife choice for women on abortion Pauline are spending a week on in an area which is highly

Mr Prescott's American contacts have surprised the "mod-

Party, the party's image makers sonal friend. "He voted against brought a Clinton adviser to meet the shadow cabinet. "When I walked in, he jumped up and said, John, I haven't seen you in a long time ...'." They all sat there agog because they thought I didn't know any-

one in American politics.

Another under-estimate." The relationship between the leader and deputy leader is ernisers". After attacking the going to be of crucial impor-

and Mr Prescott is gearing up to fight some battles behind the scenes, if necessary, over the style of the campaign. That could mean conflict with Peter Mandelson, who was made the head of the campaign team in

the reshuffle by Mr Blair. The deputy leader will throw himself into the campaign with a joint Blair-Prescott meeting on the draft manifesto. New Labour, New Life for Britain, in Manchester when he returns. That will be followed by a host of other public meetings, leading up to the adoption of the manifesto at the party confer-

Mr Prescott is backing Mr Blair's modernisation of the party, but he is clear that the and headlines, then I think you Labour leader must carry the can carry both." party with him.

"You need an enthusiastic party amongst the converted, the returning ex-Labour voters. I hope to try to provide that

"I have tried to do that with

ment, which introduced the n't gone through a reaction.

welfare state]." He wanted it to emphasise the continuity - "Here's our principles and our ideas, they are connected; they are not uncoupled; they are as one. It's Labour changing through its phases dealing with different problems, which I called traditional values in a modern setting.

able to reach across to people and whatever the grumbling

'Here's our principles and our ideas. They are connected; they are as one'

"Providing we still can judge our policies against that and not necessarily against soundbites

The deputy leader has been cast wrongly as a traditionalist, who is opposed to change. He sees himself as a modernising spirit concerned about the pace of change. "Tony Blair has brought about the Spirit of '45 [a pamphlet remarkable changes, at such highlighting New Labour's links a pace that it leaves you a common agreement John Smith died, John Major is the leader. Leaders are conto the postwar Attlee govern- breathless that the party has- between Tony and I. There is said he wanted to keep politics troversial."

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on the side, the party is genuinely united, desiring to win,

highly critical of those who

seem to undermine it, whether

it's left, right or old or new

It's change upon change upon

to the Labour Party in

Gaitskell's time. Changes that

big have been coming every six

or eight months. It is quite

remarkable that Tony has been

"Look what Clause Four did

"My job is trying to make sure those views are properly represented and to assure people that change is in the right direction and relates to the principles, that we have not moved away from. That is

Just think: it could be you! on that oil rig

Photograph: Brian Harris

no disagreement about that." He admits they have had disagreements. "Most of our disagreements at the moment have come about more for things that have played for their press content than reverberations from the party that are not perhaps given sufficient account. My job is to help make sure they do.

"My deputy leadership, in a way, is a constant reminder as to why people voted for me not to be leader. Tony has the greatest democratic mandate on one-member-one-vote that any Labour leader has had.

"My role has changed over the last few years, and it's still changing ... That remark is full of meaning for Mr Blair. who must soon decide how he handles his deputy leader in the

run-up to the election. There is no doubt that Mr Prescott is in the heavyweight league when it comes to hitting Tories, as he proved over the "demonic Blair" advertisements. He recalled that when

clean and not to personalise it. "Perhaps he still believes that. Certainly Mr Mawhinney doesn't. He comes from the Militant Tendency of the Tory "I thought Jeremy Hanley

was good for us, but I think Mr Mawhinney is better. "I came into this job wanting to play the organisation role. Adjustments have taken place

over the last two years." The first phase was a drive for mass membership, which he hopes will take the party up to 400,000 members, at the party conference in October. The second focused on the key seats strategy, the successful run of by-elections, and a radical report on devolution to the regions by an independent commission under Bruce Millan, the former European commissioner

"It ended with me persuading the party of the need for the shadow cabinet elections and heading up a team to see that people voted for the status quo. That was one of the greatest acts of discipline by the parliamentary party that has ever been recorded. There are lots of MPs voting for people they couldn't stomach but they did not want to provide division. They knew the importance of it. It was not given proper recog-

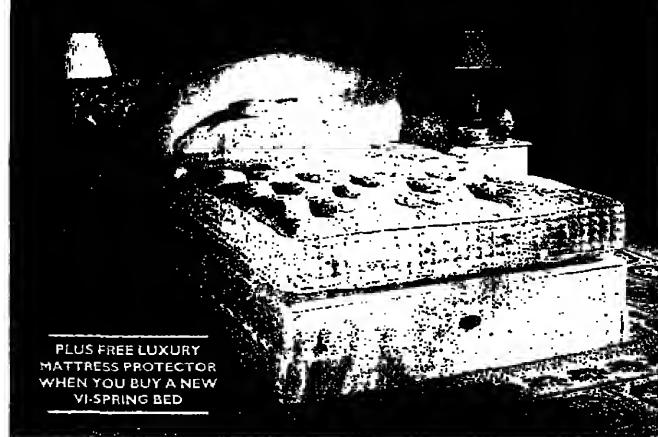
nition." It was a tactical mistake, he thinks, for the leadership to have followed the elections with press briefings about a crackdown on dissidents. That put people's backs up unnec-

He wants Mr Blair to ease up the pace of change.

The party has had more discussion about change than it has ever had before. There is an uneasiness about change, as when change follows change, follows change. Sometimes policies seem to appear rather quickly. I think this has left the party feeling a little uneasy. But overwhelmingly, the party wants to win the next general

"That is Tony Blair's overall consideration. All of us will look at the political environment in which we are operating. We don't operate in isolation. It isn't really the case that Tony Blair dictates the position - he is a person who desperately tries to find an agreement. He

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has come to decide what we are going to what we are going to do with Brent Spar, the floating disposable oil rig that Shell have found so difficult to throw away and which is now resting in a Norwegian fjord, And the way we are going to

do it is this. We are going to run our eyes down the following projects that have made their way on to the short list, and then we are going to phone our vote into the Brent Spar Hot Line. And the question we are

going to answer is this: Which of the following usages do you think would be the most appropriate function for Brent

1. As a new multiplex outof-town cinema. 2. As a film location place

that can be hired out at enormous cost to film-makers shooting scenes of raging infernos, helicopter crashes, deep sea diving, etc. or of course derelict oil rigs. 3. As the new headquarters

bours, not to mention the fact that it would be beyond the of the British School of reach of British drug regula-Olympic Diving, one of the



divers in training for Olympic titles would still have to make Miles Kington

7. As a place for Mr

Michael Howard to lock up time off work, in the grand old more immigrants, people who traditional British way.) can't pay their fines, etc etc. 4. As a Spanish-owned but (New Tory slogan: "Oil plat-forms really work!") The British-registered fishing vesadvantage of this from Mr 5. As a Conservative think-Howard's point of view, if tank coming up with ever more wonderful slogans for nobody else's, would be that it would be almost impossible the next election. (Sample: "Old Tory, Old Cobblers".) for immates to escape from 6. As a permanent off-shore here or, indeed, for them to set centre for raves and all-night fire to it. It would also be getrock concerts, on the grounds ting back to the traditional that, if it were sufficiently far Tory values of putting prisonout to sea, nobody could hear ers in hulks and leaving them the music and there would be

8. As an SAS practice assault course. 9. As a place to stick all those unwanted prostitutes'

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of London telephone boxes. 10. As a new venue for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to be moored in the Firth of 11. As a harmless place for

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terrorists like the IRA to explode their bombs, thus working off their fury yet doing no damage except to the Brent Spar. 12. As premises for survival

courses for would-be tough businessmen. (Slogan: "If you can get through a weekend on Brent Spar, you'll be able to survive any business conference!")

13. As a place for a new daytime TV channel, whereby a camera would be mounted permanently on the platform facing the sea, and the picture of the ever-moving sea would be broadcast non-stop on this TV channel as a soothing and meditative alternative to and indeed superior version of ordinary television pro-

grammes. 14. As a new educational establishment to be called Brent Spar Polytechnic initially and shortly thereafter

Breat Spar University. 15. As a place for Newcastle United supporters to throw themselves off if Alan Shearer doesn't start a matchwinning run soon, or at least to throw their new Alan Shearer playing kit off, or at least to hide during Newcastle United matches till things get better.

16. As a floating hydropathic rest-cure place renamed Brent Spa.

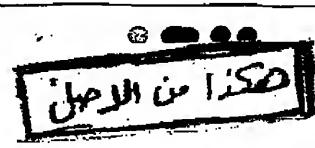
17. As an all-weather, 24hour, shipping lane service area selling fuel and coffee to all passing shipping.

18. As a leak-proof site for Labour Party shadow cabinet meetings.

19. As a National Lottery 20. As a birthday present for

the Queen Mother, on the grounds that although not exactly handsome, it is a good deal more stylish than the terrible gate erected in her honour by Norman St John Stevas. at Hyde Park Corner. OK! Get on to the Brent

Spar Hot Line! Register your vote now! And we'll bring you the result in a year or two!



This really is the best job in the world

Britain's minister for overseas development now holds one of the most influential of cabinet posts

n a bad day it is the best these, however, have much to do with government; on a government, except that government good day it is the best job in the world." So says Baroness Chalker, minister for overseas development, though she attributes the original quote to Chris Patten. Yet in the hierarchy of the shadow cabinet, and indeed of the Cabinet itself, there is no doubt that it ranks pretty low. How else could it be a demotion for Clare Short to be transferred from transport to overseas development?

But Lady Chalker and Chris Pattern are right, and I suspect that if Ms Short gets the real cabinet job as opposed to the shadow one, she will, in a few years' time, realise why. Quite simply, she will have vastly more influence on the world in the new job than she would ever have had in the old.

In world terms there are only three aspects of transport where this country is influential. One is running airports. The commercial triumph of Heathrow has enabled BAA, the company that runs it, to go into the business of running other airports in other countries. The second is running airlines, and here it is mainly Virgin and BA that are teaching other carriers how to make a commercial success in

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privatised BAA and BA and so created the conditions for this influence.

The third area is very much within successive transport ministries' ambit and that is the decline in road accidents. Along with the Netherlands, we have the lowest death rate from motor accidents in the world. Every accident that happens is, of course, a tragedy, but by curbing the number of such tragedies. UK policy will continue to attract attention internationally. Now compare this with our position

in overseas development. We start from a unique position in that Britain is both a member of the Commonwealth, which encompasses more than a quarter of humanity, and a member of the European Union, the world's largest trade grouping. Add in our historically important role as a founder member of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and you can see how Britain has been pivotal in the relations between the world's "haves" and its "have nots".

It is also a wonderful place to watch, and to promote, the change in ideas about economic development - had shot up to \$172.9bn. The fastest-



HAMISH MCRAE

the most successful economies on earth (for example, Hong Kong and Singapore), as well as some of the least successful (in sub-Saharan Africa).

But most important of all, London is probably now the most important single place in the world for the allo-cation of development funds. This is the result of a seismic change in the last decade in the funding of international development, the shift from government to the private sector. Some numbers show the scale of the

change. The average net annual flow of official development finance in 1963-87 was \$38.5bn, while the average private sector flow was \$31.3hn. By 1994 the official flow had risen to \$54,4bn, but the private sector flow

become the main clearing house for people in the developed world wanting to invest in developing countries.

Does this shift from public sector to private mean that the role of a UK minister for overseas development has become less important? No, for three main reasons. First, some parts of the world are, and will remain, heavily dependent on official aid flows. Indeed, as Sir William Ryrie argued in his recent book First World. Third World, many countries in sub-Saharan Africa suffer from too much aid, rather than too little. So targeting official aid is vital. (Bill Ryrie, by the way, is one of the key people Clare Short should get to know, for after a spell as permanent secretary at the Overseas Development Administration he ran the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank affiliate which specialises in getting private sector

Second, while the big money is now private sector, governments play a vital role in buttressing and supporting private sector flows. A good

mostly in what have been dubbed. How Fund, which pays for high-qualemerging market funds, which are ity people to go out and advise counmostly run from London. The City has tries on how to cope with capitalist ways. Paradoxically, the shift of the flow of funds to the private sector means that money has become a less crucial element in development than honourable advice: there is plenty of money around, but disinterested

advice is hard to come by. Third, the next 30 years will see a shift in the balance of power from the present developed world to what we still think of as the developing world. but which already rivals the mature developed countries in economic might. By about 2004 the developing world will be clearly larger in economic output; by 2020 much larger. Quite aside from the importance of this shift in human and political terms. it is enormously important to our commercial interest to be sensitive to this new relationship.

So getting the overseas development job right really does matter. On any sort of world view it matters finance into economic development.) vastly more than transport. There is a fair chance that in five years' time Clare Short will realise that this supposed demotion was an utter liberawhat works and what does not work. growing component of the private example is in Eastern Europe, where thou it long Blair tries to take this one a very difficult business. Neither of The Commonwealth includes some of sector flow is portfolio investment, the UK government runs the Know- away she really should kick up a stink.

BOOK REVIEW

Popcorn Ben Elton

Simon & Schuster, £1259

Natural born thriller

Tt is the day of the Oscars ceremony, Bruce Delamitri, Aa "Quarantino" figure in black Levis and pointy boots, has won the "best film" Oscar for Ordinary Americans, a sendup of violent crime in America. Bruce has two appointments to keep before the evening's big event. The first - to appear on Coffee Time, a morning TV that show, the second to give a film seminar to students at his old college. He also has an appointment with a killer, but he doesn't know that yet.

On Coffee Time Bruce is tough and fun. It's nonsense to say his films give people ideas, or glamorise violent crime. The movie camera, he explains, is just a mirror. "I don't believe the people who watch this show would all have their hair set in concrete and their brains sucked out along with their cellulite." Later, under pressure from the media professor, who would like to know why, in Bruce's films, all the victims are cool and beautiful, he replies less convincingly: "Dull, ugly people lead boring lives devoid of sex and adventure. It is no part of my duty to report life. I am an artist. I take what I want in order to create what I like."

The novel's Oscar acceptance speech is a masterpiece of parodic brilliance

You can feel that Bruce's wicket is sticky with the blood of potential victims here. He's right to be feeling a bit defensive - there are two killers out there, Wayne and Scout, a young couple who appear to have taken their inspiration from one or all of the 57 murders shown in his smash hit "art" movie. By the end of the novel he's been knocked for six. and it is part of Ben Elton's complex achievement in Popcom that we are not entirely sure whether or not he deserved it.

After the Oscars party Bruce comes home with a Playbox model. He's a bit down about his acceptance speech, a masterpiece of parodic brilliance from Elton, but anticipates a considerable pick-me-up from his pickup. In the drawing mean of his "fabulous Hollywood home"



Ben Etton: a deadly look at the screen violence debate

the killers are waiting to con-

gratulate him on his triumph.

Wayne may be a bit imprecise in that people get up from the his administration of justice. movie theatre or the TV and do but he's extremely precise in the what they just saw. Otherwise execution of his plan for his and his girltnend's "salvation". By taking Bruce, the Panhov "actress". Bruce's ex-wife and his daughter hostage, and getting Bruce to debate the "do violent films create violent societies?" argument on live TV with a gun to his head, Wayne hopes to persuade the entire TV population of America that he is the victim of a society that glamorises murder and should theretore be allowed to walk like OJ Simpson and Lorena Bobbit before him. Et ego victima sum. And if the film is a killer, TV is a vulture. Copycat crimes are cooler than straight ones and TV channels have a ratings interest in convincing us that the "film creates reality" connection exists, with film setting the style. Thus a news item can, with impunity, double as an undercover snuft movie.

There is so much brilliance in this novel that a short review can hope to do little more than paraphrase the theme for people like, say, world leaders, directors of TV channels, film makers or heads of police departments - people who are maybe just that bit too busy and important to read novels. For anyone else - read it, memorise hits of it, and be glad Ben Elton exists and that lesser talents didn't have to invent him. In a short, famastically funny navel, he has resumed and explored a debate that has generated so much hypocritical space-wasting in newspaper columns, we might almost have been in danger of growing weary of it. Fiction, in Ben Elton's hands. proves infinitely more capable of a succinct and intelligent

HELEN STEVENSON

handling of the argument.

Terrorism will never go away

Americans think every problem has a solution. Godfrey Hodgson doubts whether this one does

dozen years ago I went to a conference on terrorism at one of those country house conference venues. It was very high-powered. The heads of the CIA and FBI were there, as well as the heads of Scotland Yard and the then-still-mysterious MI5. The only trouble was that for the British, terrorism meant Irishmen; for the Americans, it meant Arabs.

When the American experts talked about the need to deny terrorists their safe havens, their British counterparts were embarrassed. The haven for: the terrorists they had to deal with was ... the United States.

The point is not that Americans have a double standard when it comes to terrorism. In recent years they have done a great deal to help the British authorities bring IRA terrorists to justice.

It is that terrorism is at once older, more widespread geographically, ideologically more diverse, and far, far harder to eradicate than you would gather from some of the proposals for stamping it out by economic sanctions. or even military action.

For years terrorism has never quite left the headlines. Events such as the Lockerbie bombing, the bomb attacks in the Paris Metro, the sarin gas in the Tokyo underground and the bombing of the New York World Trade Center

have kept it there. Now the issue is moving back to the top of the diplomatic and the politi-

There is a widespread fear that the crash of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island was caused by some kind of terrorist. The G7 nations met recently in Paris to try - without much success to forge an effective counter-terrorism

President Clinton has just signed legislation sponsored by Senator Al D'Amato of New York, and previously moral arguments. Terrorism, in fact, is

passed unanimously by the House of Representatives, that imposes sanctions on foreign companies which invest in oil in Libya or Iran. The idea was to warn off European

oil companies. But this week Turkey's new government has announced it will build up Iran's oil industry by buying no less than \$20bn of oil. Does anyone really imagine that, even if the governments of Iran and Libya were to be vaporised tomorrow, the problem of terrorism would disappear?

What about Syria, for one thing? Damascus, too, has supported terror-ism in the past. Yet Washington does not include Syria in its anathema, because the State Department hopes to involve the Syrian government in the peace process with Israel.

Now the New York Times has reported that much Middle Eastern terrorism was financed not by governments but by private individuals. According to the head of the State Department's official counter-terrorism office, one wealthy Arab individual is suspected of helping to finance a wide range of terrorist activities by Islamic extremists, including the murder of Western tourists in Greece; bombings by Algerian Islamists in Paris; and other terrorist activities.

The fundamental strategy behind terrorism is to enable weak groups to embarrass and ultimately defeat powerful empires by "externalising" their latent violence. The ruling state must be made to respond to terrorism in such a way that its power is exposed as resting, ultimately, on force. The philosophy and the techniques have been widely borrowed - in India, South America, Germany and Italy, by Basques and Kurds and many other groups. The state of Israel was founded by people, some of whom not only practised terrorism, but also defended it with powerful political and



Delegates meet in Paris at the recent G7 summit on terrorism

a deeply ingrained part of the world's political system. The question is what to do about it,

There is a plausible argument that terrorists should be treated simply as common criminals; to treat them as special (because of their political motives) is perversely to legitimise them. This may be true, but special means are needed to arrest and try them. Precisely because terrorists often have the resources of governments behind them, they are hard to catch. And because they commit their crimes on behalf of a cause, the danger is that for every terrorist you catch, a hundred more will take his place.

national co-operation can help, and indeed a great deal of international cooperation already takes place. That is why it is important that governments should act, as Canada's foreign minister Lloyd Axworthy said pointedly last week, "in concert, in co-operation

and co-ordination - not unilaterally". That is why it would be had if the United States government insisted on riding roughshod over European govcruments if they didn't agree. Equally. it would be foolish of European governments to underestimate the surge of indignation that is rising in

The best way to ban terrorism, of course, is to remove its causes. It is born of a burning resentment of injustice or a commanding vision of a better future. But, as we have seen in Israel and in Ireland, to remove its causes proves virtually impossible.

Murder has always been with us. Our societies fight it, on the whole successfully, and we punish it severely, but we know we are not likely to abolish it. If we were wise, we might acknowledge that we may never abolish terrorism, but that we can fight it more effectively. At least then we should not the US against those foreigners who tear the international system apart do not, in their opinion, take terror- under the illusion that we can stamp

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Tusic is a universal language; music is a parallel world, existing outside time. Both these statements contain an element of truth, but both overlook the fact that the ordering of sounds - which is what music is - comes in such varied forms that some are literally incomprehensible to listeners from other cultures.

The language of Western classical music has only existed for four centuries. The major and minor scales on which it is based emerged from the var-ied modes that dominated European music from AD 400 onward; those had in turn evolved from scales used by the ancient Greeks. From the time of Monteverdi - classical music's Shakespeare - to Debussy three centuries later, this language remained essen-

this language retails unchanged.

But this is also the language used by jazz and rock (the debased folk music of Western debased folk music of Western capitalism). So what's the difference? In classical music, the composer dictates every single note. But its "forbidding" image is ludicrously wide of the mark: there's more wit in Beethoven's bagatelles, and more steamy sex in Mozart's arias than in anything from the "popular" end of the spectrum. And as Classic FM is

The classical tradition is a glorious relay, with divine inspiration as the baton. Each innovator provides a new baseline for those who come after: the game resounds with the acknowledgment of debts. Initially it resided in courts (Monteverdi), churches (Bach), and theatres (Handel): it was primarily a vocal affair. The great emancipation .

the instrumental leap into abstraction - came with Haydn and Mozart, who hammered sonata-form into a weapon which has been in constant use ever since. Their sonatas had three movements, while their quartets and symphonies had four, but the pattern didn't vary much: an agenda-setting first movement, a slow lyrical one, a quirky one, and a liberating finale. Beethoven who reluctantly studied under Havdn, and devotedly played Mozart - was the third deity in this phase, but with his personal bid for creative freedom he staked out a route for all

who were to follow. He was the first composer to make himself the hero of his works, and the first to write for posterity: he was music's first revolutionary. This latter trait is best perceived not in the symphonics - on the performance of which there should, please God, be a 50-year moratorium - but in the perennially astonishing sonatas and quar-



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tets, Schubert, who worshipped Beethoven from afar, carried on the heroic torch, but he also lit a torch for full-blown Romanticism. When he in turn died, Schumann - who only knew him through his works wept all night. This apostolic succession was a very conscious affair.

Schumann, Chopin, Mendelssohn, and Liszt were contemporaries, friends, and rivals; with the exception of Mendelssohn (a sweet medioctity) they each had immense influence on the course of classical music. Chopin, whose unexpected hero was Bach, showed what sublimity could be achieved in miniature genres; Schumann, working on a similar scale, created undreamed-of palettes of tone-colour. Liszt was a fine composer and a generous man, but his main legacy was regrettable: the cult of the virtuoso.

Romanticism reached its twin peaks with Brahms and Tchaikovsky. When it ran out of steam, attention shifted to the musical language itself. Early Romantic composition had been closely allied with developments in poetry: Debussy's tonal experiments drew inspiration from both poetry and painting, and paved the way for the more overt tonal revolutions which have happened since. Stravin-

sky railed against "the superannuated system of classical tonality", but his works paid oblique homage to it. Schoenherg blew it apart and replaced it with serialism, a system in which all 12 notes of the semitone scale are accorded equal importance. Maybe this had to happen, but something died all the same: instinct was ousted by intellect. The Schoenberg school was succeeded in the Sixties by the Boulez coterie which, urged on by doctrinaire critics, took "new music" into the avant-garde ghetto from which it is now painfully emerging. Tonality is "back" -though for this century's best

composers it never went away. Classical music speaks more powerfully, and to a much broader social spectrum, than parochial arts such as painting and theatre; pace current jeremiads, concert culture is in rude health. All one can predict with certainty is that thanks to the star circus, the record industry, and the Internet - it will become ever more international. And it will continue to legitimise the tackier products of Hollywood. Shut your eyes - no great hardship - in Independence Day and listen to the soundtrack: you'll hear the ghosts of Elgar, Dvorak and Bruckner dismally rattling their chains.



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Traders slate tarnished SIB copper inquiry

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The Securities and Investments Board, the City's most senior regulator, yesterday unveiled the first stage of its proposed review of the metals market in the wake of the Sumitomo coppertrading scandal - only for the report to instantly dismissed as both on the London Metal a "non-event" by some metals

"I was expecting a little bit

pean-based metals trader said. ny £1.2bn though unauthorised "It says nothing about what happened regarding Sumitomo," argued another trader.

The SIB issued a consultative document in which it asks the views of traders and metal endusers as to how they think metals trading should be regulated Exchange and off it.

It came as the LME claimed that Sumitomo was repeatedly more from the document in warned about the activities of terms of explaining where the Yasuo Hamanaka, the trader real problems lie," one Euro- who lost the Japanese compa-

copper trades.

We received assurances from them that they are fully aware of the level of trading and we have documentary evidence to prove this." said Raj Bagri, chairman at the LME.

David King, LME chief executive added: "We have a very clear audit trail since 1991 and this bas been supplied to our auditors and Government." Following repeated allegations of market manipulation

made against Mr Hamanaka,

known as "Mr Five Per Cent" because of his dominance of copper trading, both he and Mr King visited the SIB in 1991.

Concern heightened after massive copper-trading losses announced in 1993 by Codelco, the Chilean state-owned trading company, which many suspected were the result of sophisticated fraud.

Codelco's losses spurred the first investigation by a UK regulator, the Securities and Futures Authority, into the activities of Winchester Com-

modities, the metals trading firm owned by Ashley Levett and Charles Vincent, two colourful millionaires now living

m Monaco. The SFA cleared Winchester of wrong-doing earlier this year. However, their homes in the South-east of England were scarched earlier this week by detectives acting on behalf of the Serious Fraud Office, which is also involved in the Sumitomo

investigation. SIB's interest in copper trading is known to have led it to

raids on private homes and should be applied to metals company premises in Guernsey. .: trading. Also, whether there is The regulator indicated yester- enough clarity over market maday that it, too, had voiced con-nipplation and if existing rules cerus with Sumitomo about Mr " are enough to deal with the

Hamanaka's activities. The SIB report reports the LME as estimating that the share of its volume now represented by investment business has risen to between 20 and 25 per cent from virtually nothing

10 years ago. Among the questions asked in the 72-page SIB paper are

oversee in May a series of police whether more transparency

The regulator's decision to issue the its consultative document yesterday was seen by some sources as part of a bid to soothe overseas critics who argue that controls over the London market and parallel overthe-counter trade is too soft. Comments on the SIB list of

MATHEW HORSMAN

Sir Colin Southgate, chief ex-

day emerged as the company's

largest private shareholder, fol-

lowing the exercise of share

options just ahead of today's

EGM scheduled to approve the

demerger of the music and

Sir Colin generated a profit

in advance of the demerger,

330,000 shares, worth £5.9m.

mean he now holds nearly

trades in order to "maximise the

number of shares I have in the

company." He added: "I had to

self shares to finance the exer-

The dealings came just days

before the demerger is sched-

uled to take place, on 19 August, after which shares in Thorn

and EMI Group will be traded separately. From that date, Sir

Colin's share options would no

longer have carried the full ad-

vantage of tax relief, and he said

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were awarded in 1986, and

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Sir Colin said he made the

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Media Editor

questions are being invited by mid-October, with a view to completing the review by the end of the year and publishing a report on the results soon afterwards.

CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Southgate lifts

his Thorn EMI

stake to £5.9m

"The interesting bit will obviously be when this thing is published in December," a

senior dealer said. "[The SIB] don't put any particular weighting on particular questions, and they seem to say 'right, you put your own weighting on them, "another

Inflation stoked by house prices

CHRIS GODSMARK

Rising house prices helped to push up inflation last mouth, despite the biggest July drop in the cost of clothes and shoes for almost 50 years.

The headline inflation rate rose to 2.2 per cent in the 12 months to July, up from 2.1 per cent in June, though prices fell by 0.4 per cent between the two months, the first such drop since January.

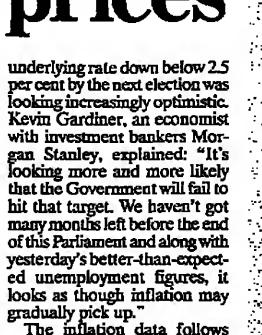
The underlying inflation rate, which is the Government's preferred measure and excludes mortgage interest payments, remained stuck at 2.8 per cent, the same level as in May and June. Stripping away the effects of mortgage rates and indirect taxes, the Bank of England's preferred measure of inflation, the annual rate also increased slightly, from 2.3 per cent to 2.4 per cent.

Many economists are still predicting that inflation will slacken off towards the end of Chancellor's target to bring the

Kevin Gardiner, an economist hit that target. We haven't got

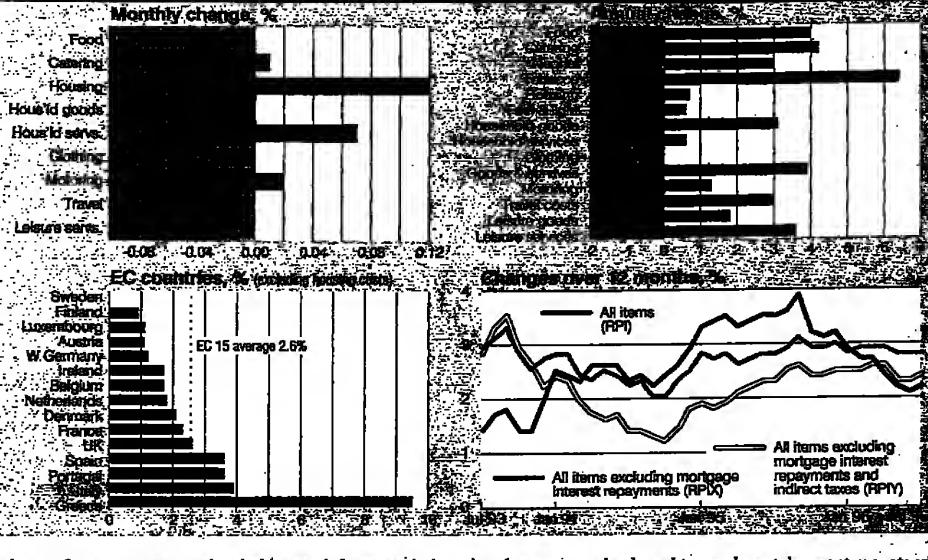
The inflation data follows Wednesday's release of minutes of July's monthly meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England, which showed tough opposition by the Bank to further interest rate cuts as concern continued about inflationary risks. But there was little suggestion from yesterday's figures of an impending price explosion.

the year, but some suggested the costs rising by 0.4 per cent



Inflationary pressures were

The impact of the increase in house prices was clear from the detailed breakdown of the figures, which showed housing month on month, with house



Inflation tamed, but far from licked...

prices up 3 per cent compared with July 1995. The Office for National Statistics also said inflation had been stoked by the rise in the cost of postage
stamps, and the fact that retraditionally fatting summer productions in phone charges had. not been as big as in 1995.

dampened by heavy discounting in high street stores' summer sales, which helped contribute to the largest July fall in clothing and footwear prices since records began in 1948. The etables on the shelves than dur-

clothing and footwear index dropped by 4.9 per cent in July compared with June, with shoes particularly heavily discounted.

duce comes into the shops, were 9.1 per cent lower in July than June, against a 6.6 per cent drop during the same period last year. One factor was a late, but abundant home-grown fruit crop, while this year's wetter summer weather put more veg-

ing last summer's drought. There was little evidence of any further downwards pressure on beef prices from the mad cow disease scare, though the cost of lamb and pork rose substantially. Though the inflationary out-

look remains broadly flat, economists pointed to an increasing gap between the outlook for prices of goods and the of services, as consumer confidence improves. In July, the price of services sold by retailers, such as entertainment, catering.

and rentals, went up at an hipsis keeping. annual rate of 4.3 per cent, the highest since March 1994. As a whole, services prices increased by 2.6 per cent in the year to July, the biggest rise since the spring of 1995.

Government statisticians haid the outlook for prices so far this month was also flat, though there would be a boost from the recent cuts in mortgage rates by some lenders, and from reductions in electricity prices by three companies.

of £1.2m by exercising options, awarded in 1989 and 1993, and then immediately selling the Sir Colin Southgate: Now shares. The proceeds were used largest private shareholder to cover the costs of exercising additional options awarded between 1986 and 1988 over options - granted every year can only be exercised every 170,000 ordinary shares, which three years. Over the past decade, Sir Colin has retained The dealings, timed to maxas many shares as possible each imise Sir Colin's tax advantages

time he exercised his options. subject to covering costs. Simon Duffy, the finance director, has also exercised uptions, borrowing money to hold

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a total of 154,750 shares. Shareholders of Thorn EMI will meet today at an extraorcisc. Some people may have a few million up their sleeve, but dinary meeting to approve the demerger. The company has been the target of speculation that a suitor would appear to break it up, although analysts now expect no action until after the demerger goes through.

The key attraction is the EMI music business, one of the world's largest, which will become the only top company in its sector not already owned by a big media conglomerate.

Potential buyers include Disney, Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation and Seagram, the Canadian company that last year bought MCA, the had been taken. In addition, the Hollywood studio.

Hanson denies seeking trade sale to lift shares

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Hanson vesterday denied speculation that it has been quietly seeking out trade buyers for some of its businesses ahead of a planned four-way break-up of will totally disrupt the demerger the conglomerate.

According to persistent market rumours, Hanson has been contacting parties who might be potential buyers of its Imperial tobacco and Millennium that had been put in place to chemicals businesses in an at- allow the first two spin-offs, of

tempt to restore confidence in the share price, which has plunged since the January announcement of demerger plans.

Derek Bonham, chief executive, said: There will be no trade sales. Anything we do now process. That story is totally speculative." He added that there was no way that Hanson would interfere with the many complex legal arrangements

the chemicals and tobacco activities, on 1 October. Details of those two demergers are expected next Friday, including an indication of the possible level of dividend to be paid on the shares to be handed to existing

Hanson shareholders. Fears that the combined dividends of the four companies would amount to no more than about 6.2p (against the 12p payont last year) have been a big factor in Hanson's massive stock market underperfor-

mance since the demerger was first announced. Immediately after the split

was first mooted, Hanson's shares reached a high of 211.5p. but as analysts focused on the complex tax and dividend issues surrounding the break-up, their forecasts of the group's underlying value slipped further and further. Currently there is a consensus estimate of between 160p and 175p, against yesterday's close of 166.5p, down 2p. News of the latest demerger

developments accompanied nine-month figures which showed continued deterioration in trading conditions for Hanson's two US chemicals businesses, Quantum and SCM, offset by a strong performance from Energy, the Peabody coal to Eastern Group division that will be the last operation to be

floated off next January. Overall pre-tax profits of £1.48bn were 74 per cent higher than last year's £850m, inflated by a £608m one-off profit re-

lating to the sale of Cavenham. Suburban Propane and a handful of other non-core businesses. Earnings per share rose from 13.6p to 17.9p.

After a weak third quarter, nine-month profits for chemicals fell from £403m to £219m while energy soared from £111m to £345m. Tobacco grew modestly to £270m (£251m) and building materials remained more or less unchanged at £154m (£156m). Investment Column, page 18

Benfield stirs up tranquil trusts

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The normally tranquil world of Lloyd's investment trusts was to 119p, valuing HCG at 122p, shattered yesterday when Ben- which itself put on op to close field & Rea (BRIT), an invest- at 118p. just above the 117p a ment trust chaired by Matthew share cash alternative. CLM Harding, the millionaire backer rose 2p to 116p, putting a valof Chelsea football club, jumped uninvited into the cosy merger der the terms of its 95 for 100 recently agreed between two of the players in the insurance market.

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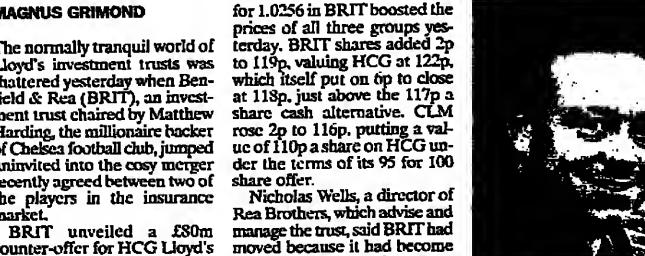
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the BRIT move. Michael Wade, chief executive, said they had noted the offer "and as far as we are concerned, our offer still stands to shareholders and we believe it offers good value". It is thought CLM may attack the bid on the grounds that the consideration for Wren, rumoured to be anywhere between £20m and £25m is not disclosed. Analysts said the group may

struggle to convince shareholders of the continuing merits of the original merger. For a start, BRIT itself already directly owns 11.5 per cent of HCG and, with the holding of others of its own shareholders, principally Equi-table Life, deemed to be acting in concert, controls a total of 27.9 per cent of its target. Holders of an additional 40 per cent or so have also committed themselves to taking up the paper offer if a higher one does not materialise.

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Court rejects latest challenge to Lloyd's

fought off an eleventh bour legal challenge to the rescue plan for the troubled insurance market by embittered investors, mus Grimond. After just 15 minutes deliberation, Lord Justice Brooke threwout a case brought in the English High Court by the Paying Names Action Group for a judicial review of the recovery proposals. The group said the plan was unfair to those names who have continued to settle their debts to the market. Lord Justice Brooke said he

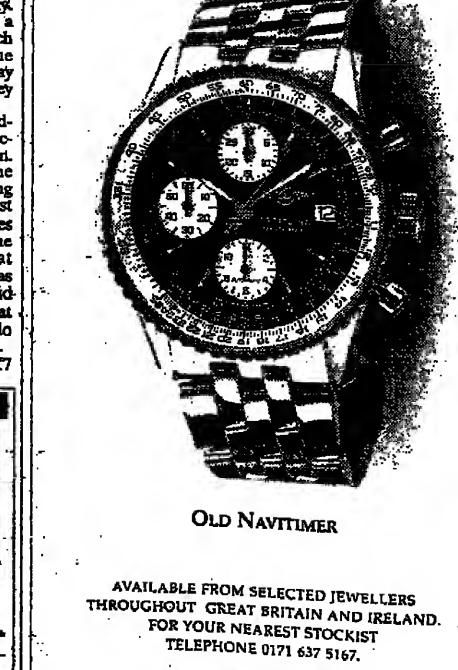
had no jurisdiction to entertain the case in public law and even if he had jurisdiction, he would have dismissed the case on grounds of delay and on the action group would do grounds of merit. "Lloyd's has not acted per-

Lloyd's of London yesterday versely or irrationally", the judge said, and he will give the reasons for his decision today. The judgment will come as a bitter blow to the group, which hearing delayed from Monday in order to gather the money to mount the action.

The 33,500 names worldwide have until 28 August to accept or reject the recovery plant. The judicial review was the last British legal hurdle facing Lloyd's ahead of the 28 August deadline by when 33,500 names world-wide must agree to the recovery plan. A lawyer at Warner Cranston, which has been acting for the group, saidthat it was too early to say what . next. Either side can appeal. Comment, page 17

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The Bundesbank appears to accept reality

COMMENT

'In its old, purist days the Bundesbank would never have cut interest rates in these

circumstances. It seems to be politics, and the screams of pain emanating from the mark's French fiancée, as much as anything else that

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his newspapers, he'll already know that he is expected to cut German interest rates soon afterwards. Double guessing the Bundesbank has traditionally been a mug's game. Many expected the key rate to be cut at the last council meeting on 25 July, but in the end it was left unchanged.

This time, however, there seems to be a widespread consensus that Germany must and will act. Even Ormar Issing, the Bundesbank's hyper-conservative chief economist, appears to have soun full circle. Earlier this week he seemed to be against any further easing of policy. But now he is quoted in the *international Herald Tribune* as worrying about the strength of the mark and the relative weakness of the German economy. In other words, he seems to have accepted the case for a cut. This despite the fact that money supply, still the touch stone of Germany monetary policy, is growing at | French, where once they would go to the well above its official target range of 4 to 7 per cent.

In its old, purist days the Bundesbank would never have cut interest rates in these circumstances. It seems to be politics, and the screams of pain emanating from the D mark's French fiancée, as much as anything else that is determining policy.

So if the Bundesbank does cut rates, what does it really mean? To the still numerous

Monday and if he has been reading grows weak and that past disciplines are falling into disrepair as Europe hurtles down the path to monetary union. But to most of us it is merely an acceptance of reality. Germany needs to cut interest rates both for its own sake and for everybody else's. The strength of the mark is crippling German industry, and through its link to the franc, the French economy too. That in turn helps

> stiffle growth elsewhere. The rumour mill has it that President Chirac is again toying with the possibility of cotting loose from the mark, so dire has the French economic position become. You only need to visit France's half deserted boliday resorts to know the seriousness of the situation. This might seem an inappropriate indicator of the health of a nation, but for France in August, the traditional holiday month, it is a reliable one. Even the Germans are staying away this year and as for the restaurant they'll now have a sandwich instead. Sacre bleu! Unless Germany acts to ease both its own plight and that of France, the grail of monetary union is in danger of evaporating before its eyes.

But if the Bundesbank does cut rates, salvaging monetary union and placating France will be only part of the cause. It will also be because the Bundesbank is indeed becoming soft in its old age. From the outside at | avenues of reform before identifying the real siren voices of Germany's inflation hawks, it least, it looks as if the Bundesbank is mov- causes and methods of abuse.

ans Tietmeyer, President of the Bun- is a sign that the Bundesbank is going soft, ing towards the touchy feely, trend is my desbank, gets back from holiday on that the power of the anti inflation faith if friend, way of judging the inflationary outlook so beloved of our own Chancellor Kenneth Clarke. Perhans in future we can expect a less rigid, even less Germanic approach to the cause of low inflation. Dear oh dear. What's the world coming to?

> he Securities and Investments Board rather states the obvious when it spells out in its consultation document on the London Metal Exchange a number of basic principles that markets need to follow if they are to maintain integrity. Ofcourse they need to be transparent, ofcourse all users need to be treated equally, ofcourse the system that determines prices needs to be reliable and fair, and ofcourse there need to be adequate safeguards against manipulation and abuse. The more difficult question, which the document fails to answer, is what is so wrong with the LME that it could have allowed all these principles to be breached by Yasuo Hamanaka of Sumitomo, and before him other "rogue" traders on the wild west fron-

> tiers of copper trading. Nor is there any explanation comprehensible to you and me of what actually happened during the Sumitomo affair. In asking for suggested reforms, the SIB is thus rather putting the cart before the horse, attempting to find

But to be fair on the SIB, this document is only the first stage of the process. Its purpose is to inform the regulator about how the market works and whether the way it conducts itself is appropriate to present circumstances. The SIB is right to tread carefully, for London is the world's largest metal trading market and its position is jealously coveted by other financial centres. The SIB risks throwing the baby out with the bath water if too gung-ho with its reforms. The ever so gentle, just tell us how it all works approach adopted in vesterday's consultation paper, is probably about right. Reform

comes later.

the sleepy world of corporate capital at Lloyd's of London got a rude of the new Lloyd's investment trusts. HCG and CLM, were complascently pushing ket. With analysis suggesting Lloyd's trust was meant to give cost savings and dilute | will benefit from any narrowing of the cap. second biggest "spread" investor at Lloyd's. | market took a step closer with yesterday's with £320m underwriting capacity. The court ruling throwing out the latest chalaim is laudable, but the economics of scale | lenge to the rescue plan. may be illusory. For a start, the costs of takcontracts of managing agents would have alone.

outweighed many of the benefits. Analysts reckon that, in certain circumstances, costs could actually rise after a merger because the profit estimates on which the buy-out of advisers' contracts are based may not be

It is interesting that, despite the large number of quoted Lloyd's investment trusts on the market, none other than CLM and HCG have yet followed the path of Angerstein and Delian in merging. But rather than questions about the operation of Lloyd's syndicates, the bid will hinge on more mundane questions like management and value.

Matthew Harding, Chelsen's saviour, has strong credentials with his successful Harding reinsurance group. He may have demonstrated good timing with the launch awakening to the importance of of his Benfield & Rea linestment Trust, keeping its investors happy yesterday. Two | which will be well placed to cash in on any return of sentiment to the insurance marthrough a cosy merger without too much | shares are around 10 per cent undervalued regard to their shareholders. That marriage | against net assets, shareholders in BRIT risks across a wider number of syndicates. I while participating directly in a revitalised The combination would have created the ! Lloyd's of London. The return of life to the

But at the end of the day, as vesierday's ing on expensive merchant bankers to I share price rises reflect. BRIT's higher offer stitch together a deal and buying out the list likely to prevail on grounds of value

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. ITV raises alarm at £40m bill for switch to digital

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

ITV companies are balking at the high cost of introducing digital terrestrial television (DTT) in the UK, and may lobby the Government to make radical changes to the planned service.

According to confidential figures prepared by the ITV companies, DTT - planned for early 1998 – will cost them a net £40m in the first year, even counting the advertising revenues the service could generate.

The costs would be highest for the big ITV licence holders, with Carlton expected to cough up £12m, Granada about £10m and United News & Media, which controls the Anglia and Meridian franchises, about £7.5m. Even the smaller companies, such as HTV, could be required to spend more than £2m in the first year.

Just broadcasting the existing

schedule, a requirement of the DTT licence, would cost the ITV companies £10m a year, the figures show. The rest of the budget would be spent on a basic tion it to other users - for expackage of extended services, such as repeats of favourite programmes. That's a lot of money ust to have time-shifting, laments one ITV executive.

The Department of National Heritage, headed by Virginia Bottomley, had been hoping commercial broadcasters would confirm their intention to take up their allotted space on the planned DTT service by September. But that deadline has now been pushed back to 15 October, as the companies review their business

The ITV companies could request changes to the licence period, or even push for a subsidy to encourage the take-up of set-top boxes needed to receive the DTT service.

DTT is part of the Government's ambitious plan to free the analogue capacity now used for mainstream television, and aucample, companies requiring closed networks. The plan had been to encourage existing terrestrial broadcasters onto DTT and switch off the analogue TV system in several years' time.

S4C and Channel 5 have all been guaranteed carriage, but only the BBC has so far unveiled plans to roll out a DTT service. The rest of the capacity would be anctioned off to private companies, and the Government had initially hoped big ITV franchise holders might come together to bid for additional channels. The debate about DTT has

The BBC, ITV, Channel 4,

become more pressing following moves by Rupert Mardoch's BSkyB to introduce digital satellite services from next year. The company promises as many



Facing delays: Virgina Bottomley must wait until October to hear ITV's digital plans

as 200 channels, and the BBC has already said it would seek to broadcast its new digital services via satellite. It emerged earlier this week that the BBC is in talks with BSkyB about jointly developing digital services based on the corpora-

tion's extensive library and programme-making capabilities. Granada, the second largest ITV player, has already announced the launch of its own satellite channels, in partnership

with BSkyB. "We are worried that Mur-

doch will get to digital first." an ITV source said. "What would then be the point of DTT?" The terrestrial system would

carry far fewer channels, perhaps 18, according to the Gov-

ernment's own estimates. City TV plans, page 20

gested the picture was more bouyant than the initial statistics suggested, with certain makes experiencing particularly strong growth. The managing director of Skoda UK. Dermot Kelly, said Skoda sales had risen by 20 per cent in the

upset by the postal strike."

Audis and Seats were also

deny flat start to August sales much improved. "If things con-

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Early indications of a disappointing start to the key August car sales period were contradicted by dealers and manufacturers yesterday. Car makers had agreed not to release the figures for the first 10 days of the month, but according to industry sources sales of new 'P' registration cars were up just 0.6 per cent compared with August 1995, at

However, motor analysts said the underlying increase was more like 5 per cent, because August this year included one less selling day than last

This would be in line with manufacturers' forecasts, which indicated sales could rise from 469,000 to 490,000. Some experts were predicting that sales would break through the 500,000 barrier for the first time since 1989.

Some manufacturers sug-

first 10 days of August. He said: "The market is very volatile and it is harder to predict this year, partly because there have been some processing problems with day to day figures and possibly because data returns have been

Skoda, which is part of the Volkswagen group, has had a sales boost from a revised model range, but Mr Kelly said sales of Volkswagens.

tinue like this for the test of the month Volkswagen as a whole could break its record for August sales."

Other makes thought to be increasing sales sharply are Fiat, which has been helped by new models, and BMW. Dealers also pointed to im-

proving consumer confidence boosting demand. At Liverpool's biggest Ford dealership, J Blake Group, sales are up 7 per cent so far this August, with little sign of things slackening

Mark Haymer, its sales director, said customers were choosing bigger cars than last year, and showing less interest in more economical diesel

models. "We've actually run out stock of popular lines such as Escort special editions, whereas last year we were selling more small cars like Fiestas," he said. "We've also seen lots of interest in sportier versions. People seem to be saving 'We've been careful, now let's have a bit of fun.""

The final total depends crucially on whether the biggest manufacturers offer extra incentives to dealers and customers to inflate demand in the last few days of the month.

One source suggested several of the biggest manufacturers, including Ford, were preparing to boost their figures by selling large numbers of cars to dealers, a tactic known in the trade as "pre-registering".

The move can transform August sales in the last day of the month. A Ford spokesman refused to be drawn last night: "We don't comment on the figures and we don't speculate about the state of the market."

IN BRIEF

• ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the London investment banking arm of the Dutch bank, increased revenue in the first half by 65 per cent over the period a year ago, Hoare Govett chief executive Nick Bannister said. Its parent bank expects net profit in the second half of 1996 to be ahead of a year earlier but below the 36 | City Editor per cent achieved in the first half of 1996.

ABN Amro reported a first-half net profit of 1.70bn guilders (\$1.02bn), up from 1.24bn guilders a year earlier. Mr Bannister said the first-half performance of Hoare Govett was "substantially ahead of budget" but declined to give specific figures. However, he also said he expected this year's second half would be more difficult than the first.

• A big increase in new car and truck output offset weaker utilities output in July, helping US industrial production to rise marginally, the Federal Reserve said. Total output increased 0.1 per cent in July following a revised 0.6 per cent jump in June as businesses ran at 83.2 per cent of capacity, down from a revised 83.4

• Swedish telecoms group Ericsson reported better-than-expected earnings for the first half of 1996, saying it might need to dispose of some businesses to free resources and improve cash flow. Preor some businesses to tree resources and improve cash flow. Pretax profit of Skr4.22bn (\$635.2m) for the first half was a 31 per cent improvement on the Skr3.22bn reported for the corresponding period last year. The bottom line improvement was achieved in spite of a Skr500m drain on profits caused by the marked appreciation of the Swedish kroner over the spring and summer. Sales increased by 16 per cent to Skr50.03bn, while order intake was up 20 per cent at Skr63.34bn.

• BASF, the Germans chemicals giant, made good its promises to concentrate on its core businesses and sell non-strategic units by announcing the sale of its audio and video magnetic tapes unit by announcing the sale of its authorand video magnetic tapes unit and most of its stake in Kali und Salz, a holding company with interests in potash production. The decision pleased investors in the company. They pushed BASF shares DM1.16, or just under 3 per cent higher, to DM42.49 in floor trading on the Frankfurt

Fairey in £81m US acquisition

TOM STEVENSON

Fairey, the engineering and electronics group that has spent £160m on a series of acquisitions over the past five years, has made its most expensive pur-

It is paying \$126m (£81m) to buy the ultra-violet curing systems division of Fusion, a Nasdaq-quoted company based in Maryland. Founded in 1975, pliers of processes where ultra- opment of the group's position

photo-sensitive coatings in a wide range of industrial applications. One of its big markets is the optical fibre industry.

The acquisition adds another niche manufacturing business to Fairey, which already sells a variety of electronic products to a wide range of industries from aerospace to electric power.

John Poulter, chief executive, said: "The Fusion UV Systems business represents a further Fusion is one of the largest sup- very positive step in the devel-

violet light is used to create in the supply of proprietary process technology for the improvement of manufacturing efficiency.

Fairey has spent heavily on building up its electronics operations, which from a standing start have become the group's largest and fastest growing division. They were the main driving force behind a 35 per cent increase in sales and 33 per cent profits hike at the former en-

gineering group. £34.2m in the year to Decemabout \$25m.

company that the general economie climate was deteriorating. Fairey has tried to protect itself from economic slowdown at home by expanding in Asian and American markets.

ber despite a warning from the

The acquisition of Fusion's ultra-violet systems business brings into the group an operation that made profits last year of \$10m from sales of \$51.1m.

Net assets of the US group, Profits soared from £25.8m to which employs just over 300, are

Playboy Channel costs keep Flextech in the red

MATHEW HORSMAN

Flextech, the pay-TV programme packager, continued to post losses in the first half of 1996, due to high start-up costs at the Playboy Channel and a disappointing performance at European Business News, which it jointly owns with Dow Jones, the financial publisher.

force in the UK pay-television launched in the autumn of last market, owning or managing 13 different channels, ranging from UK Gold, UK Living, Bravo. EBN, and the Childrens Channel to Playboy and Sega, the

Total turnover increased by 63 per cept in the half to £24.8m. but pre-tax losses rose marginally to £7.8m from £7.6m. The Although it has never made company blamed the start-up costs at Playboy, which a profit, Flextech is the second

year. Subscription revenues overall climbed 47 per cent year on year, to £13.7m.
Roger Luard, the company's

chief executive, defended the company's growth record. "If we stopped moving, we would move into profit pretty quickly" he said. "But I don't think our shareholders would approve if we did not take the opportunities to expand when they arise."

Flextech, well known for its deal-making strategy, holds 20 per cent of Scottish Television and provides eight channels to the multi-channel package of BSkyB, Rupert

Murdoch's pay TV giant. It is

owned 51 per cent by TCl International, part of John Malone's media group. "We follow Malone's example," Mr Luard said. "Rewarding shareholders with share

price growth is a way of maximising value."

Flexicch confirmed this week that it is in talks with the BBC about jointly developing new pay-TV channels using the BBC's programming. Similar talks are being held between the BBC and BSkyB. Mr Loard declined to comment but conceded that the BBC brand was strong, and would find a market in the

multi-channel environment,

He cautioned, however, that "all our research shows that people watch programmes, not channels," and that any new programming would have to be

> and retain viewers. The cable and satellite industry is going through a shakeup, as operators attempt to maximise viewership, Mr Luard declined to say whether any specific services would be dropped.

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Hanson ends with a whimper

Hanson's final results announcement before its break-up begins on 1 October was a low-key affair. The company did not even bother to brief analysts on the figures, so academic have they become and so in line with expectations. The conglomerate that once bestrode corporate Britain like a colossus is slipping out the back door.

For what it is worth, the problems afflicting Quantum and SCM in the chemicals arm (Millennium from October) continued and the division's profits collapsed in the third quarter to June from £136m to £70m. That shortfall was made up for by a jump in the Eastern Group-to-Peabody Energy arm from £40m to £103m. Tobacco and building materials trundled along at much the same level of profits as last year.

In aggregate, operating profits for the quarter were more or less unchanged at £350m (£346m), while in the nine months they increased from £921m to £988m. The reported figures in the table are distorted by a number of one-off items, the most important of which was the £605m exceptional profit on the sale of Cavenham Forest Industries, Suburban Propane and a few other non-core businesses, less a £39m write-off of SCM's sulphate manufacturing assets.

Of more importance in recent months have been the roller-coaster expectations regarding the ultimate value of the four demerged businesses. A consensus of somewhere between 160p and 175p appears to have been formed, but numbers from 160p to as much as 225p have enjoyed currency.

That has made valuing Hanson's shares next to impossible, a situation stock markets hate. In those circumstances, investors normally err on the side of caution and so it is little surprise that the shares have lost almost a fifth of their value relative to the mar-

ket since the beginning of the year.
The picture is still a great deal hazier than investors would like and is likely to remain so for the next week or so until documentation regarding the planned demerger of Imperial Tobacco and Millenium is published.

Once the split has taken place (Energy follows the other two at the beginning of next year), attention will focus on each company's merits: tobacco as a mature, safe cash cow, chemicals as a growth but highly cyclical stock; energy as a solid Anglo-American utility; rump Hanson as a dull bricks and cranes business operating in mature markets. None of it is going to set investment pulses racing.
If analysts have finally got the num-

bers right, the share price, down 2p yesterday to 166.5p, is about right. Anyone unfortunate enough to have become a Hanson shareholder during the past 10 years can only realistically hang on and hope for the best. For potential investors, the shares are a gamble on Imperial or Millenium becoming a bid target, although neither seems a foregone conclusion.

With a forecast dividend of only about 6.2p, compared with the inflated THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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HANSON: AT A GLANCE

Market Value: FR 690n, Stage price 166.5p

likely to drift. More of a whimper than a bang, a sad end to an industrial legend.

Johnson cleans up its brands

Dry cleaning has been a dull market, despite Sketchley's attempts to inject a little zanyness into the business by combining cleaning with photographic processing. That said, Terry Greer, long-standing chairman of Johnson Group Cleaners, has been doing his best to shake things up at Britain's biggest dry cleaning group.

The early fruits of the three-year turnaround plan unveiled at the end of 1994 by Mr Greer, who is to step down ating profits of £5.66m in the latest penext year, are reflected in yesterday's figures for the half year to 29 June. Pretax profits of £9.25m were 29 per cent vices, stated profit growth of 6.7 per ahead, for an underlying rise of 16 per cent when the effects of interest, property sales and last year's £863,000 reorganisation costs are stripped out.

The programme to unify the various dry-cleaning brand names under the Johnson banner has seen 100 shops

Trading record.

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Operating profit by activity

12p the payout reached in the group's discount scheme, are said to be gendying days, a yield of 4.6 per cent pro-vides little support and the shares are the refurbished shops.

Given the operational gearing, around half of that growth should drop through to the bottom line, rising to perhaps three-quarters once the refurbishment costs end. That will come in on top of savings flowing through from last year's cost-cutting moves, worth around £500,000 in a full year.

But the even more encouraging fac-tor in the rise in UK dry-cleaning profits from £2.35m to £2.54m in the half year was signs of improved trading conditions. The near 11 per cent rise in likefor-like sales is the best performance the industry has seen since the beginning of the decade.

More worrying is the continuing competition in UK textile rental, which has formed the backbone of the group in recent years and chipped in opercent would have been cut to 1 per cent. Johnson's fat margins, 24 per cent in the half year, are vulnerable to price attack and Granada's Spring Grove Services is thought to be leading the

Elsewhere, the 51 per cent hoist in spruced up and converted so far. The US dry-cleaning profits substantially recompany says it is on target to have the flects savings from last year's head rest of the chain of over 600 completed office move. Johnson has yet to prove by the end of 1998. The rebranding, that it can exploit the full potential of along with other initiatives such as a its market leading position in the US.

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Share brice

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Profits could reach around £18m this year, putting the shares, up 3p at 304p. on a forward rating of 14. Johnson is never likely to excite - Richard Zerny, the chief executive-elect, has been in charge of UK operations for the past six years - but the shares are worth holding for continued recovery in dry cleaning. Following the Rentokil-BET bid, there could also be further corporate action in textile services.

Microvitec finds several bugs

The stock market takes no prisoners when a company fails to live up to its expectations. When that company has said as recently as March that it is "encouraged by the promising start in 1996 and is confident of the potential for the group", it can expect no mercy when it turns round in August with a profits warning.

Microvitec, a computer group with interests in screen manufacture, network products and software, cannot be accused of half measures. It warned yesterday that the receivership of Escom would hit its flat monitors business, problems at SilCom, a Canadian networking subsidiary, would wipe another £1m from full-year profits and the high costs of launching an accountancy software package would complete the gloomy picture. No surprise then that its shares closed

10p lower at 43.5p yesterday, a 19 per cent decline on the day. The extent of that fall reflected analysts' pique that their previous forecasts of about £4.7m profits for the year to December would have to be reined in to no more than about £3m. After the £1.6m reported for the six months to June, only about £1.4m is to be expected in the second half. Interim profits emerged bang in

line with last year's result as the benefit of higher sales of £33.8m (£26.6m) was wiped out by lower operating margins and higher interest charges. Earnings per share declined 5 per cent to 1.40p as the shares issued for recent acquisitions took their toll. The dividend reflected the confidence of James Bailey, executive chairman, that 1996 will be seen as just a blip in an otherwise steady upward progression, rising from 0.4p to 0.425p.

He could be right. Microvitec appears to have some good products and is benefiting from fast-growing markets. Demand for flat LCD monitors continues to increase as costs reduce and performance improves. The trend towards stringing computers together innetworks is accelerating and the softthe large accounting software market.

ware division has a strong position in On the basis of £3m and eps of 2.0p... this year, the shares trade on a prospective p/e multiple of 17. Having given the market such as rude shock, they can't expect a higher rating and will probably settle even further.

Yorkshire Water lights on another controversy

CITY DIARY

NIGEL COPE

More tales of incompetence at Yorkshire Water, the company where the lights are on but no one's at home. Literally. You may recall that last year the hapless utility was forced to tanker in its precious commodity from Northumberland because its own supply had run out. To cope with a manoeuvre of military proportions the

company set up a huge trucking site above the moors near Huddersfield. complete with extravagant floodlighting.
The trucking stopped in

January and the site has been deserted. But the lights have been on ever since, day and night. The company has now been attacked by conservationists for wasting energy. Yorkshire Water whimpers that it has had to light the site to deter undesirables like gipsies from moving in, though it admits there was no need to have them blazing during the day. The thing is, we've had a few problems with the switching mechanism and have not been able to turn them off," the company said. Yesterday, it claimed to have found the switch.

Luciano Bennetton, he of the Italian woolly jumper group, is up to yet more incomprehensible marketing stunts. The latest wheeze is revealed in the annual report.

No expense has been spared on the 100-page plus environmentally friendly tome (recycled paper, obviously). But the Italian retailer has chosen some unusual photographs as illustra-tions. No grisly shots of newly born babies this time,

or posters of brightly coloured condoms. Instead, there are lots of pictures of lumps of concrete and bits of roof. And a painting of an angelic figure whose breasts have fallen out of her dress. What can it all mean?

Apparently the shots are all taken at Bennetton's palatral villa headquarters in Treviso near Venice and the painting is a fresco from one of the HQ's ceilings. But why they are included remains a mystery. "I don't understand



wash and brush up treatment thanks to a bit of corporate sponsorship. Addis, the housewares manufacturer which was sold to its management team in March, has stumped up a cash donation as well as a selection of mops, buckets and brushes to help keep elephants Dilberta, Layang-Layang and Mya in tiptop shape. Heavy-duty wire brushes normally used for cleaning masonry or barbecne racks are apparently just the ticket for jumbo-sized pedicures. Around 500 products have been trucked in for the daily scrub-downs.

them either," explains a company spokeswoman.

Crisis at Merrill Lynch yesterday when the main trading floor was blacked out by a power cut. The research department was also affected, leaving legions of highly paid analysts twiddling their thumbs for several hours.

"It's a bit of a problem when your whole day is spont looking at computer screens," one analyst said. "It's a bit like having your arms chopped off." Another number-cruncher denied that the whole bunch decamped to the pub or sat around doing nothing. "We had plenty to get on with even if none of the screens

or PCs were working." And

the dealers? "Er, twiddling their thumbs, I think."

The bousing market may be improving but try telling that to a group of Carmelite monks in Yorkshire. They have had their castle near Tadcaster on the market for a year and have they had a sniff of a buyer?

Have they heck. The castle market is apparently so dire that they have been forced to cut the price of the property, which is used by Zeneca and others for conferences, from £1.5m to £1m.

The local estate agents reckon it would make a perfect corporate HQ for a local company. Nearby brewers John Smiths and Samuel Smiths, take note.

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PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE RAILWAY PASSENGER SERVICES The Franchising Director gives notice under Sections 37 and 41 of the Railways Act 1993 that, after due consideration, he supports the proposal by South Wales & West Railway Limited to withdraw all passenger services to and from, and terminate the use of, the following station, on or after 1 October 1996: -FILTON (South Gloucestershire)

The reason for the proposed withdrawal of services to and from, and closure of, Filton station is that alternative rail travel facilities have been provided by the opening on 11 March 1996 of a new station, Filton Abbey Wood, some 400 metres away from Filton and accessible by pedestrian crossing. Filton Abbey Wood station offers more direct journey opportunities and better passenger facilities than are available at Filton station. Rail services from Filton Abbey Wood operate to Bristol Temple Meads, Newport, Cardiff and Gloucester.

Objections to the proposed withdrawal of services and/or closure of the station, preferably in writing, may be lodged within six weeks of 23 August 1996, i.e. by 4 October, with: -

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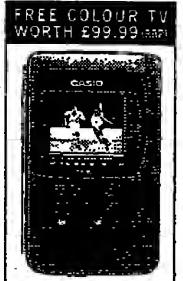
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ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Coursel for

that purpose. A copy of the said Fetition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under mentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated this 13th day of August 1996

Simmons & Simmons 21 Wilson Street London ECZM 2TX Solicitors for the above named Company Tel: 0171 628 2020 Ref: 7/Q70583/CD/MCP

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Frost in from cold as petrol giants temper price war

The forecourt petrol price war, which has devastated many independent garages, is losing some of its ferocity. Evidence is mounting the major oil groups are taking the sting out of the battle, a trend that helped Frost, the largest UK independent with nearly 5 per cent of the market, to move off

its 90p low to 105p.
Shell is one of the giants to rein back its price cutting activities. It has "reduced the amount of financial assistance" it offers some retailers which can represent 2p a litre.

The decision, which appears to match moves by other oil giants, has already led to higher prices at some of its petrol

Below-the-line promotion, however, remains intense. Shell is placing considerable faith in its loyalty scheme which already has 4 million followers and offers a range of in-

Frost, with interim figures next month, has been under intense pressure as the petrol war has flared. Its shares were 2660 a year ago.

Whether the reduction in hostilities will encourage the supermarkets, which started the confrontation, to gently push their prices higher remains to be seen. Tesco, in the forefront of the petrol pricecutters, was little changed at 302.5p.
The oil groups were again in-

spired by expectations of strong crude demand. British Petroleum reached a 618p peak and Shell ruse 9p to 932p. Lasmo gained 3p to

Footsie remained on course to attack its April high of 3.857.1 points with a 7.1 gain to 3,837.4; a poor New York opening was largely ignored. The supporting 250 index achieved its twelfth consecutive

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

is still likely to be elbowed from

Footsie by the Thorn EMI de-

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strengthen, up 30p to 871p, on

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Banks enjoyed a firm session with Barclays, apparently the subject of investment presentations in the US by Merrill Lynch, gaining 15p to 909p, a 12-month high. Merchant canl Schroders remained in the takeover frame with its nonvoting shares up 33p to 1,073p. However with the voting

shares little changed there was a school of thought that the family controlled bank could be considering a touch of shareholder democracy - enfranchising the non-voters.

Conglomerates were unable to draw inspiration from Han-

ket indulged in estimating the post-demerger prices of the two halves. The EMI showbiz side was given a 1,370p valua-tion and Thorn, the rental business, around 440p.

Rentokil, interim figures next week, slipped 4.5p to 415p. Barclays de Zoete Wedd believes the services group, which acquired BET after a furious encounter earlier this year, is a sell. Nyren Scott-Malden con-

tends the shares are at least 10

per cent overvalued and BET has "significantly increased Rentokil's risk profile". Airtours' holiday price increases lifted the shares a further 3p per cent to 8.81p. The shares relapsed 5.5p to 258p, the war-Orange, the mobile telephone group which has been

> 187p. largely on NatWest Securities support. RJB Mining dipped 14p to

> 499p on Warburg sell advice.
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> Zeneca edged to another

in the doldrums, rallied 7.5p to

peak, up 6p at 1,774p, and Chiroscience, a rumoured bid target, put on 7p to 408p. Refuge, the insurance group,

again displayed its dissatisfaction with the planned merger with United Friendly. The shares, 539p in May, fell a further 12p to 374p, a year's low. Profit warnings hit Microvitee, the computer group, 13p to 40.5p, and Gibbon, a print-

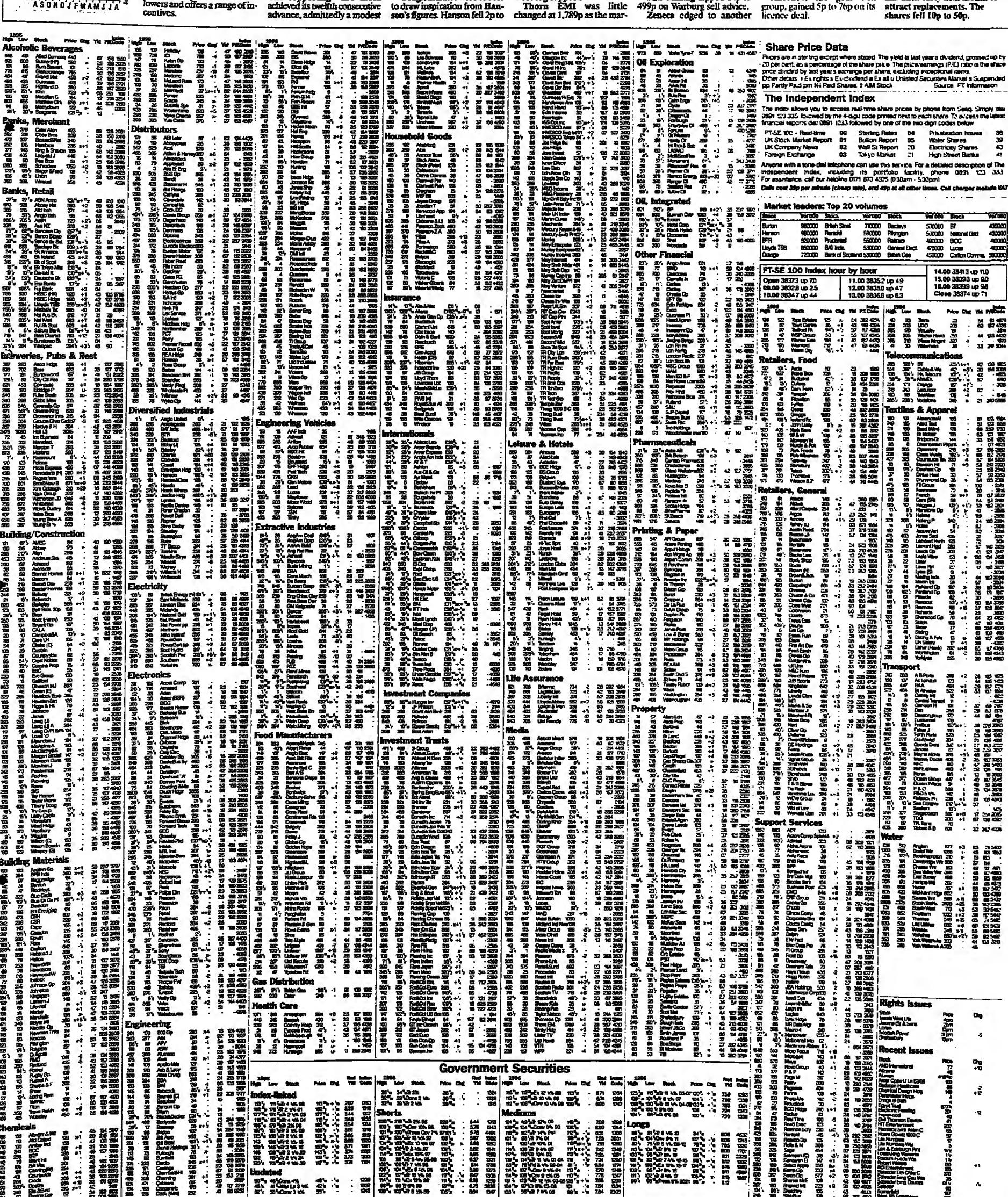
ing inks group, 42p to 122p.
Tom Cobleigh, the pubs chain, said it was not involved in takeover talks. Its biggest shareholder, however, has said it wants to sell. The shares fell 20p to 210p.

Yorkshire Type Tees Television lost 38p to 1,235p on reports Granada's interest was evaporating but Lloyds Chemists added 12p to 482p on indications of a new bid from German group, Gehe.

Antonov, the gear box group, gained 5p to 76p on its TAKING STOCK

Greenbills, running a theme restaurant at London's Trocadero, is short of market support. The shares, 20p in March, fell a further 1p to 6p. The company, which raised £200,000 with a 14p a share placing last month, plans another theme restaurant, the Dream Factors, It has agreed to buy a vodka business in exchange for shares and wants to raise further capital by placing shares "at the best prevailing market price". Nobody at the company was available to comment whether it will press ahead with its cash raising exercise.

Firecrest, the internet group, needs to find new advisers to retain its quote. Banker Singer & Friedlander and stockbroker Collins Stewart are quitting and Flrecrest has until early next mouth to attract replacements. The



Football could power new wave of local TV

With Granada's confirmation yesterday that it is in talks to launch regional TV channels in the UK, the whole concept is beginning to attract the rapt attention of the City. A key driving force has been the explosion in the number of new channels available on subscription and the steady growth of cable - the distribution network best suited to local programming given its flexibility and potential for interactive communication with the viewer.

Also attractive to mainstream broadcasters such as Granada. Carlton and United News & Media is local TV's ability to generate a fresh source of advertising revenues, which in turn could help finance additional programming.

Local TV has always been big business in the US. But in the the arena of large advertisers, with smaller companies relying on regional newspapers and more recently, radio. Local TV's biggest attraction, particularly in sports-mad cities such as Liverpool or Manchester, is the prospect of linking with major football clubs to supplement local news, arts and entertainment with a steady diet of "jock talk", interviews and features about the football stars.

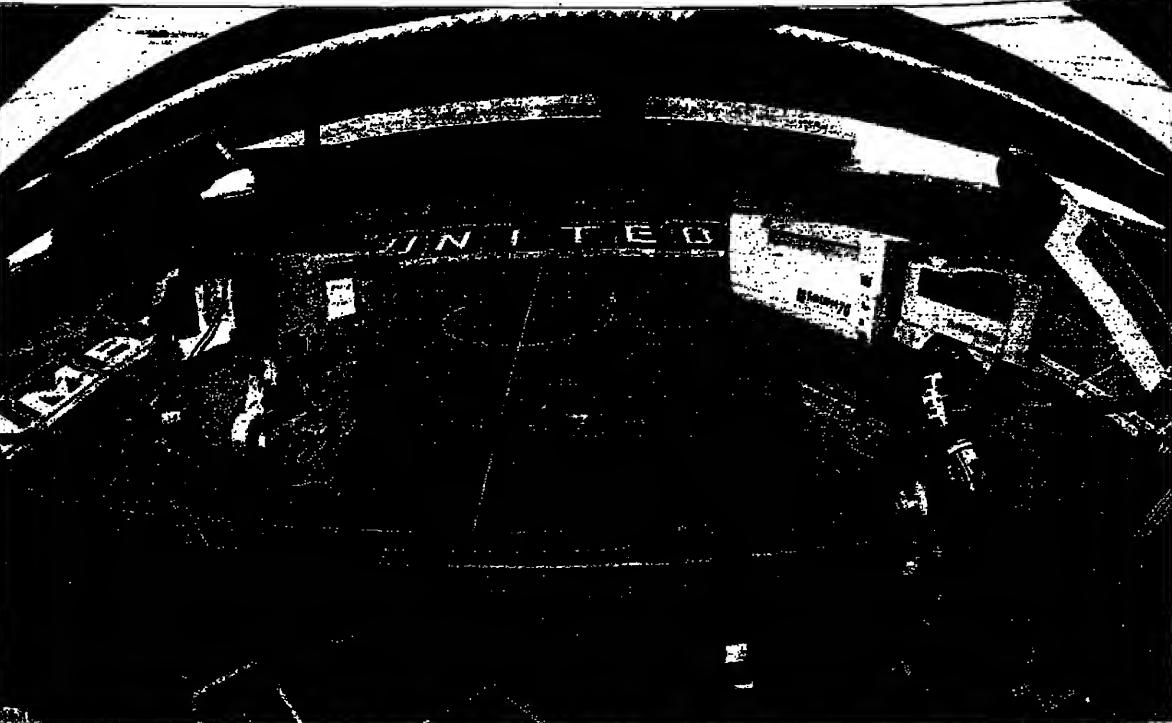
Granada's own ambitions in Manchester and Liverpool, its regional franchise base, are thought to be driven by the company's belief in the drawing power of sport. In Manchester, talks are aiready well advanced with Nynex CableComms, the local cable operator, and the Manchester Evening News to launch a general interest channel featuring programming

about Manchester United. United News & Media is attempting to parlay lessons it learned about sport and broadcasting during an abortive bid for Premier League football rights into its first serious investment in cable programming. Speculation centres on Southampton, a Premier League city.

The main broadcasters stress that sport is only one appeal of the local TV market. Granada, IOT ILS Dart, trumpets its long experience as a regional programme-maker, and the fact that it knows its region very well.

The emergence of the ITV companies on the local TV scene has been noted by the two pioneering media companies, Daily Mail & General Trust and the Mirror Group, which have long been convinced of the advantages of local television.

The Mail group launched Channel One in London as a



On air: Leading clubs such as Manchester United are hoping that the growth of local TV will provide another way to generate value from their brands

in Liverpool.

Mirror Group, which owns 46 per cent of the Independent, has launched Live TV, a national network intended to supply backbone programming to a series of local channels in major cities. Birmingham Live is already up and running, and Liverpool Live and Edinburgh Live are planned for the autumn.

Media analysts are already asking whether there is enough

cable-exclusive channel, added of a market to support more ther been badly managed, una similar service in Bristol and than one local channel in each der-funded, or both. According has plans to roll the concept out major city. Live TV insists it will to Deloitte & Touche's annual continue its aggressive roll-out. pointing to iron-clad carriage agreements with major cable operators. Insiders suggest Granada is talking up the prospect of channels in Manchester and Liverpool as a defence against

> Granada's backyard. Behind it all, Premier League football clubs must be salivating about fresh ways to generate value from their stellar brands. In the past, football clubs have ei-

> Live TV's own expansion in

report on football finances published this week, only a dozen Premier League teams made a

pre-tax profit after paying trans-fer fees in the 1994/5 season. But the arrival of mega-rich backers like Jack Walker at Blackburn and Sir John Hall at Newcastle, and the City's growing enthusiasm for football's financial prospects, has changed the funding side of the equation. And top clubs are finally waking up to the value of their brand

franchises.

The main money has come so far from exclusive broadcasting rights, awarded to BSkyB. But sponsorship deals, cross-promotion with local television and newspapers, and branded programming on cable could all add welcome funds to the coffers of the leading clubs.

That's clearly the thinking behind this week's signing by Leeds United of Robin Launders, Manchester United's finance director. Mr Launders helped transform Manchester United's."

names and their unique local United from an underperforming, family business into one of the most profitable brand names in the country whose snare pri has trebled in the last year.

Jeremy Fenn, finance director of Caspian, the media group which now controls Leeds. clearly thinks luring Mr Launders across the Pennines makes sense. "Man United's annual turnover of £60m is four times bigger than Leeds's, but you have to wonder whether the Leeds' brand name is really only worth a quarter of Man

BP to build gas power station

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

The so-called "dash for gas" continued yesterday as BP revealed that it is in negotiations to build a gas-fired power station to supply a chemical complex on Humberside.

BP is negotiating will Entergy, a US company, to build and operate the power station at the oil giant's 370 acre Saltend chemicals complex. The new plant would replace a smaller existing power generating facility at the site and lessen the oil giant's dependence on variable prices in the wholesale electricity market. Six hundred jobs could be

created during the construction phase, though in a graphic illustration of the economies of modern gas generation, BP said that only 35 staff would be needed to operate the plant after it is completed.

The manager of the Hull works, Alan Boden, said: "The future of this site and its 1,300 employees depends on our ability to attract and support good investments which being benefits to both BP and the local community.

BP said that the new power station would be solely supplied by the firm's recently launched gas supply business, BP Gas. The new venture has already signed contracts to supply ICI with gas for the power station which is being built to supply the latter's chemicals plant at Runcorn in Cheshire.

The Runcorn operations are energy-intensive, and ICI resolved to build its own power station at the site after complaining for several years at the high level of electricity prices which it was being forced to pay. Shares in BP closed at an alltime high yesterday, rising 2.5p

to 618p. Last week BP announced that it would increase its wearterly dividend by 18 per cent following a record half year in which profits rose by 23 per cent to £1.28bn. It was the fifth increase in the payout in two

Investors have also seized on evidence that BP is coping with the squeeze on chemical oper-

Europe and US scramble to close Internet tax loophole

NIGEL COPE

and ROGER TRAPP

A big Internet tax row is brewing as authorities in Europe and the United States scramble to close loopholes in the system which enable Internet users to make some purchases tax-free.

Under existing regulations,

lem area is computer software of the most popular items sold which can be bought free of tax on the system. The problems if down-loaded on-line.

Tax authorities are becoming increasingly concerned that the loophole could cost fiscal authorities millions of pounds in lost revenue. Retail sales on constitute a service and not a the internet totalled only \$500m - physical good. private individuals who buy ser- last year but are predicted to rise vices on-line are not liable to pay to \$6bn by the end of the decade. Internet service providers and

either duty or VAT. One prob- Computer software is also one could worsen as technological advances will soon enable music, video and books to be downloaded on-line. These, too, could

The crackdown has angered

be sold tax-free as they would

some retailers who feel that draconian taxes could kill the Internet before it has the chance to get off the ground.

In Europe, the European Commission is conducting an urgent review of the effects EC law has on the Internet. In the US, some states are already trying to introduce taxes on Internet sales. Florida's Department of Revenue is trying to introduce Some retailers have said that if egation of VAT experts from the since it was introduced in 1973. | val Royal Dutch/Shell

tax while the service provider would be subject to a tax of 2.5 per cent of total revenues.

There are concerns that if some states try to level sales tax on goods, then vendors will move their operation to a state that does not have sales tax, or move the business off-shore.

legislation that would see custile taxes were too harsh they may tomers pay a 7 per cent service not bother selling electronically

> In a separate tax development, plans by Customs and Excise to impose a three-year limitation on value added tax refunds and repayments are being greeted by increasing bostility in the business community. The comments were made by a del-

big six accountancy firms to VAT Commissioner Martin Brown and senior Customs: officials yesterday.

The plans follow a series of defeats for Customs in VAT cases, culminating in a ruling - estimated to have a potential cost to the Exchequer of £5bn - that it had wrongly charged the tax on "interest-free" credit deals | ations much better than its ri-

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Strong kroner knocks Swedish drug giant

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Astra, Sweden's biggest company, warned yesterday that currency effects would knock profits this year, but calmed fears that trading would be hit by a US sexual harassment scandal

The drugs group announced that the strength of the Swedish kroner had sliced around SKr600m (£58m) from interim profits and said the currency effect would be somewhat greater in the second half, increasing "by at least a further 50 per cent", according to a company representative.

The firmness of the kroner, up by around 18 per cent against the German mark in the past 18 months, held Astra's pre-tax profits to SKrt.76bn (£050m) in the six months to SKr10.9bn and total sales for the June, a 7 per cent rise on the carnings per share rose to change rates, North American Skr7.83 from Skr7.40.

wrongfooted analysts, who were

around SKr6.97bn, and shares in Astra, which represents 12 per cent of the Swedish stock market, fell sharply in early trad-

However, analysts welcomed

was sacked in June. 18 per cent to SKr4.79bn in the half year, outperforming other parts of the group. In Europe, Astra's biggest market, turnover was up a mere 2 per cent to

looking for interim profits of ticals analyst at Morgan Stanley. ing in Stockholm.

signs that sexual harassment allegations involving the head of Astra's US operations had not affected business there. In April, the group suspended its US chief executive, Lars Bildman, pending an internal investigation into alleged sexual harassment and financial improprieties. He

Sales in North America rose

said he was relieved that the harassment issue had not affected North American operations: "There don't seem to have been any operational difficulties at all and this was something that had

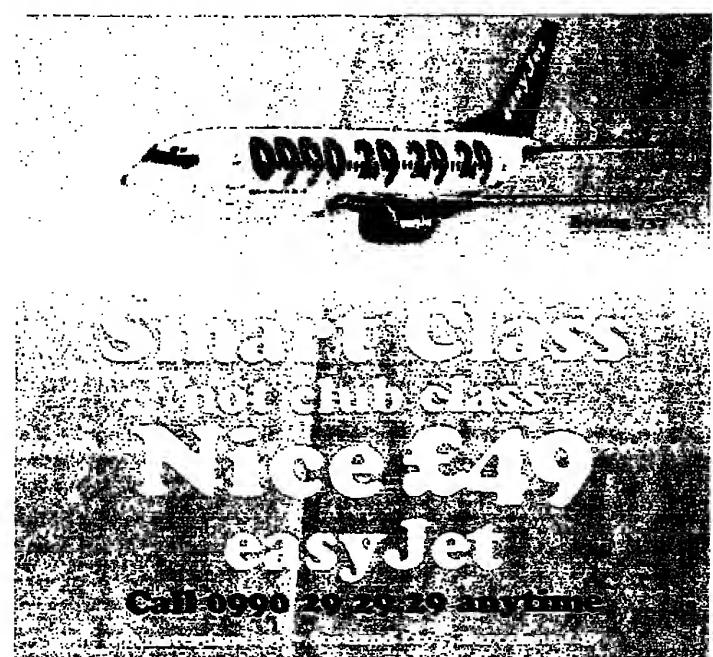
He added: "All growth rates in local currencies are looking good ... and the underlying growth and operating margins are fine. Any shortfall was due to the currency."

Sales of Astra's biggest selling drug, the ulcer treatment Losec, rose to SKr8.55bn in the first half, a 22 per cent increase at constant exchange rates. Its second-biggest seller, the anti-asthma agent Pulmicort, climbed

concerned everyone.

from SKr2.21bn to SKr2.29bn after correcting for currency. Astra ascribed strong growth

group were 6 per cent ahead at in sales of Seloken, a beta-blocksame period of last year. Net SKr19.1bn. At constant ex- er and its largest cardiovascular product, to favourable trends in sales were 28 per cent up, the US. At constant exchange The size of the currency hit against 12 per cent in Europe. rates, it was 14 per cent ahead James McKean, pharmaceu- at SKr1.24bn in the first half.



IN BRIEF

 Zeneca, the pharmaceuticals group spun off from ICI in 1993,
 said yesterday it had acquired from Bayer of Germany the rights to market and sell a calcium channel blocker, used to treat high blood pressure and angina, in various territories. The drug, nisoldipine, will be marketed predominantly under the trade name of either Sular or Syscor. The treatment has two formulations, a once daily extended release tablet and a twice daily immediate release tablet. Zeneca said the acquisition was an important addition to the company's existing portfolio of cardiovascular disease products. These include the world's third largest selling ACE inhibitor, Zestril, and the world's largest selling beta blocker, Tenormin.

 Antonov saw its shares rise 5p to close at 76p yesterday after it announced a deal to produce an initial batch of its patented car transmission system for an unnamed Japanese motor manufacturer, thought to be Honda. A production licence is expected to follow by the middle of next year. The deal, which has been widely expected for the past week, has seen the shares rise from a low of 48p. The AIM-quoted share has been one of the fledgling market's worst performers, falling from 151p over the past 12 months.

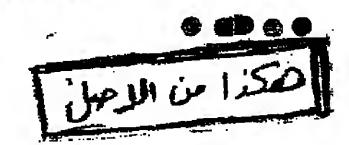
 Rosebys, the household textiles and soft furnishings group, yesterday launched an agreed £24.7m bid for Rexmore, the upholstery and fabric distributor. The all paper offer will be on the basis of 87 new Rosebys shares for every 200 Recmore and values each Rexmore share at 120.5p. The offer represents a premium of 21.1p or 21 per cent over the closing price of Rexmore on Wednesday less the proposed 2.1p final dividend per Rexmore share. One of the largest distributors of uphostery fabrics in the UK, Rexmore currently operates from 18 locations from Glasgow to Torquay. Rosebys, which floated in 1992, has grown from 134 stores then to 325 currently, including 90 Brentfords shops bought from Lonrho in 1995.

The Old English Pub Company, listed on AIM, has received acceptances covering 95.9 per cent of the shares issued in its recent one-for-four rights issue. The balance of the shares, amounting to 153,642, have been sold at a price of 14.4p, after expenses.

 Micro Focus saw first half losses widen yesterday after a fall in revenues was compounded by a £5.2m restructuring charge. Marcelo Gumucio said that he believed the group was heading for profits and revenue growth but he warned that the process was in its early stages: "We continue the task of establishing a sound platform from which to capture the opportunities available to the company". The interim loss widened to £9.4m from £4.5m. There is no dividend.

COMPANY PESHITS

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Haden McLellan (1)	278m (215m)	6.3m (4.5m)	3.7p (2.7p)	1.2p (1.1p)
Johnson Group Classers (I)	92.2m (84.8m)	9.2m (7.2m)	11.65p (6.98p)	2.50 (2.60)
Lillectuii (I)	57.7m (53.1m)	1.56m (2.06m)	3.08р (4.32р)	1.85p (1.85p)
Micrerites (I)	33.8m (26.6m)	1.61m (1,4m)	1.4p (1.47p)	0.425p (0.4p)
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Courad Rithlet (F)	20,3m (1 2.9 m)	1.58m (1.35m)	8.3p (8.5p)	6.325p (5.75p)
German Werkshop (F)	44,9m (32.1m)	8.87m (6.02m)	18.2p (8.02p)	6.8p (5.2p)
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Josephs Hildys (1)	27.7m (11.9m)	1.75m (1.32m)	2р (1.7р)	0.375p (0.313p
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Everybody seems to agree that the business world is more uncertain than ever before, and management writers certainly enjoy using metaphors. But the idea that modern management is akin to a white-water ride is perhaps pushing it a little.

ROGER TRAPP

True, executives are having to grapple with all manner of problems, to imagine the unimaginable and generally be fleet of mind. But that sounds more like life in a chemistry lab than in an inflatable raft. And then, of course, it is possible to argue that these managers are amply rewarded for putting up with all this excitement.

Despite the hyperbolic sub-title, though, The Future of Leadership, A White Water Revolution (Pitman, £18.99) does have a few things to offer current and would-be leaders. In keeping with the current fad, authors Randall P White, Philip Hodgson and Stuart Crainer insist that they are not out to peddle a fad or provide instant solutions. Their objective, they say, is to identify "the skills necessary to ride the corporate rapids". Moreover, far from claiming to be a book that solves managers' problems, they say their effort "creates more problems in a corporate world

already beset with problems". After that not-so-helpful start, the authors set out the key skills - composed of three en- ness," they add, "some corpoablers and two channels. In rations and some leaders are the first group are: difficult

and organisations; maximising energy - being effective rather than just busy; and resonant simplicity - a fancy name for straightforward beliefs that mean something to the work-force rather than instant sound bites. In the second are multiple focus - which is self-explanatory

- and mastering inner sense, which is less obvious, but means that managers should look inwards at things like knowledge as well as concentrating on tangible matters, such as reports, Some leaders are seizing new

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them work' budgets and the like. According to White, Hodgson and Crainer, these five skills will help the manager of today and tomorrow cope with the environment in which they find themselves. But they stress that they will not make it go away. "Uncertainty is here and here to stay. Industries once regarded as stable and slow moving are now beset by the bubbling white waters of change," they write before offering a glimmer of hope. "Amid the confusion and messiseizing the new uncertainties

retailing, where, for example, WalMart is faring much better than its similarly named rival K-Mart; from accountancy, where Arthur Anderson is increasing revenues at nearly twice the rate of some rivals; and from the highly complex and turbulent world of pharmaceuticals.

But, as they point out, the same things are happening everywhere. There is no escape from the maelstrom of change, innovation and fear." And the successes will be those that abandon safety and confront uncertainty rather than seek to avoid it.

Take, for example, the two "wars" described close to the end of the book. The first involves cola ~ traditionally dominated by PepsiCo and Coca-Cola of the United States. Then along came Cott Corporation of Toronto, almost unheard of until 1994. Its sales have mushroomed largely as a result of selling to Sainsbury's and Safeway in Britain, Ito Yokado of Japan and the aforementioned WalMart, each of which outs its own name on the

Whether Cott will continue to prosper is open to question, but its rise owes a lot to the retailers.

certainty, argue White, Hodg- - as they say - what happens in certain conditions the soap son and Cramer. If the success of private label

products leads to retailers marketing their brands in a similar way to Coke and Pepsi they could become locked in a marketing rivalry that threatens Unilever's Persil Power has that, if the Anglo-Dutch com-

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growing power of the big Around the next bend: Successful firms will be those taking on unfamiliar situations

The other "war" is the one that broke out between the detergent giants Unilever and Procter & Gamble of the US.

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But this itself leads to un- their price competitiveness and been obvious: the discovery that powder rotted clothes led to the company announcing a writeoff of more than £50m.

> But the authors argue that this débacle should not put The marketing disaster of Unilever off. Indeed, they argue

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pairy squeezes dry this source of "difficult learning" it could emerge stronger rather than weaker - and that it should be P&G that is worried.

In other words, today you can be riding along on the crest of be caught in the undertow.

Finance chiefs can't grasp latest methods

admitted that they neither sised profit rather than cash. understand nor use many of the latest financial management techniques, writes Roger Trapp.

A survey by the Chartered Institute of Management Accounting may explain the volatile performance of many companies. Only 13 per cent of respondents understood the value management concept, while only 24 per cent could get their heads round the widely publicised business process re-engineering. Even activity-based management was understood by

just 42 per cent of respondents. Shareholder value came off particularly badly, with fewer than a third of finance directors having a good grasp of the idea. While two-thirds of those in public companies used it as a strategic driver, only a third reported it as a performance measure.

CIMA asks: "How does the missing third measure whether it is meeting this strategic objective? Why do 67 per cent of ples drive their strategy using a measure which only 29 per cent understand? And can it really be true that companies are taking decisions guided by a concept with which they are not

iamiliar?" a wave, but tomorrow you could UK plc, also found that 60 per explain why so many change pro-

Britain's finance directors have that their reporting emphawhile 40 per cent of companies did not measure mid-period working capital.

> Alarming as some of the findings were to Deloitte & Touche Consulting, which carried out the research with Cima. they did not surprise Roger Young, director general of the Institute of Management. He said there was frequently a stand-off on boards, in which accountants presented figures in a complicated way and the directors were afraid of showing their ignorance by asking too many questions. The challenge is for finance directors to present the information in such a way that it was easy to see what

was happening in the business. The study, which questioned 500 finance directors in large. small and medium-sized companies, adds. "There is a lack of consistency between what organisations are measuring and what, apparently, is important to them. And this is backed by a depressing lack of familiarity with the took and techniques which are supposed to be helping and which, when they are used, do not give the expected results."

Paul Fuller, partner at De-The study, The Current State loitte & Touche, said that the of Financial Management in lack of understanding might cent of finance directors agree jects failed to meet their targets.

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Using your football knowledge decide your team formation from the following four options:

FORMATION A. 4-4-2 4 Defenders, 4 Midfielders, 2 Strikers FORMATION B. 4-3-3 4 Defenders, 3 Midfielders, 3 Strikers FORMATION C. 5-3-2 5 Defenders, 3 Midfielders, 2 Strikers FORMATION D. 3-5-2 3 Defenders, 5 Midfielders, 2 Strikers



one manager from the list below. Players can only play in the positions that they are listed under and the team's total value must not exceed £40 million. Remember to give your team a name.

Use our Team Selection form above right, to make a note of your team's details, then dial our registration hotline to register. Where possible, please try to use a tone telephone, although a traditional pulse telephone can be used if necessary. Make sure you follow the instructions on the phoneline carefully. At the end of your call you will be given your own special PIN number, which you must keep safe. It can be added to your Team Selection form.

HOW TO SCORE

Every time one of your players scores a goal you will be award-You are free to enter as many teams as you wish, allowing you ed four points. Four points will also be awarded for goalkeepers to try out more than one tactical formation, but each team must and defenders whose team have kept a clean sheet during a match. be made as a separate entry via a separate telephone call.

If a player scores the winning goal, i.e. if there is a one-goal difference you have chosen your formation, select your team of ference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the 10 players to fit your chosen option, plus one goalkeeper and winning team is awarded one bonus point in addition to the stan-

dard four points awarded for that goal. Each successful assist (a pass that, in the opinion of our team of experts, leads directly to a goal) will give a player three points. The opinion of our experts on this matter is final. Each player selected and starting a game will be awarded one point.

Players lose one point for a yellow card and three for a red card. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count for scoring purposes.

The Premiership manager that you choose will be awarded three points if their real-life team win, one point if they draw and no points if they lose.

Results will be published in The Independent every Wednesday for all games played from the previous Monday to Sunday inclusive. They will also appear the following Sunday, in the Independent on Sunday.

Look out for transfer opportunities which will be announced during the season. Please read the Rules and Conditions carefully before making your call.

Team Selection Form Value Code Goalkeeper Defender 1 Defender 2 Defender 3 Defender 4 Defender 5 Midfielder 1 Midfielder 2 Midfielder 3 Midfielder 4 Midfielder 5 Striker 1 Striker 2 Striker 3 Мападег PIN No.

Team Name:

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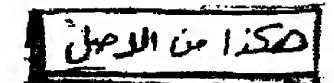
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Even Top patched up for York comeback

Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON

For anyone who supported Even Top in the Derby, his form book entry makes gruesome reading. The colt was caught in a hurricane of scrimmaging after three furlongs, bumped then hampered, and also struck into, returning with an ugly gash behind. The stars were such that he was lucky to avoid being hit

by a rocket that June day. Even Top has not run since the Classic, a position which will change at York next Tuesday when he participates in either the Great Volitigeur Stakes or, more probably, a hugely competitive International Stakes.

Mark Tompkins's runner has taken much time to recover from his Epsom buffeting, especially as he should not have run in the race at all. "He only came sound on the Thursday before the Derby after a poisoned foot, he was crippled."

FOLKESTONE

GOING: Good to Firm.

Right-hand, undulating course.

mideble Spirit, Mangus, 8-1 Batsman.

HYPERION

2.00 Stygian 2.30 Hoh Surprise 3.00 Waders

Dream 3.30 Parrots Hill 4.00 Utmost Zeal 4.30

STALLS: Straight - stands' side; round course - outside rad.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best of 187yd to 1 no 1 f.

Rececourse is 6 miles west of town off A20. Westenhanger rail-

way station (service from London, Charing Cross) arhours course.

ADMISSION: Chib 21" (under-10s free); Tamersulls 58.50; Course

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lock Dibidale (2.30); Mileowi

Raider & Petite Heritiere (3.00), Tablets of Stone (visured, 4.30).

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: La Belle Shyanne (3.30) has

2.00 EBF LE SHUTTLE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS

BETTING: 7-4 Stygian, 9-2 Auction Half, 5-1 Hover Golf Mover, 8-1 For-

2.30 PAT MARSH SHOW SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 270 filles 6

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- 11 deciseed -BETTING: 7-2 Hob Surprise, 4-1 La Stattle, 5-1 Luch Dibidale, 6-1 Rato-

in, 8-1 Doo't Forget Shoke, 10-1 Hippy Chick, Impy Fox, 12-1 others.

3.00 ROSS & CO SOLICITORS HANDICAP

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

been sent 256 miles by R Baker from Stoodlingh, Devon.

D) £4,750 added 2YO 5f

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Enclosure \$4, plus \$4 for each occupant, CAR PARK: Free

us nothing."

That afternoon he narrowly failed to overhaul Mark Of Esleem, and had Bijou D'Inde just his best." behind, in a finish that was decided by the camera. The third has since collected the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot before giving Halling a Hallowe'en of a fright in the

Eclipse. ond are priced at 5-2 and 7-2 respectively for the International by Coral, it may be that Even

the side of generosity. Even Top was in dry dock before the Blue Riband with a fissure in his hoof, an injury which is not expected to grow out un- phin-owned horse, was ridden

people should just forget about problem remains in a diluted it. I should never have run him form, but at least Even Top has and if it hadn't have been the managed to get himself out on Derby I wouldn't Epsom told to the gallops. "He's still got a crack in his foot and a patch on It may be then that Even Top it, but he is very well at the mois better judged on his previous display, in the 2,000 Guineas. good form," Tompkins added. The last two bits of work he's done have told us he's back to

Between Halling and Bijou D'Inde in the betting is First Island, whose Sussex Stakes victory last month was not franked when the runner-up, Charnwood Forest, crept home fourth in the Prix Jacques le Marois at As the Sandown first and see- Deauville vesterday. The winner here was Spinning World, who supplied a sixth victory in the last 10 years in the Group family, the sponsors of the race. He held off the challenge of

> Vetheuil and Shaanxi. Charawood Forest, a Godol-

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3.30 CHERITON MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F)

- 12 declared -BETTIMO: 7-2 Junior Ben, 4-1 Parrol's HEL, 6-1 Red Tie Affair, 7-1 The

Booking Brief, 8-1 Birtistay Boy, 10-1 Dashing Imader, Descende Hall,

4.00 DALLY STAR HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450

300325 SAMSOLOM (5) (D) (BF) P Hontry 8 9 8....... Paul Eddery 8

015-000 BOLD RABIT (20) (D) J Peace 11 9 6...Lisa Moncriell (7) 4

300-050 SECRET PLEASURE (15) R Harmon 3 9 4 P Robinson 3 40-3000 JOHE (12) 8 H/s 693 _____ D Smith (5) 11

006000 JUBILEE PLACE (15) Thomson Jones 3 9 1. __\$ Seedins 5

0000 THE GREY MERVER (62) R Ploner 3 7 10 ____M Bales (5) 13

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True transicap weight: The Grey Heaver 7st 7th. BETTING: 4-1 Samsolom, 5-1 Wintever's Right, 8-1 Sappline Soc, 7-1 Johic, 6-1 Racing Telegraph, 19-1 Bold Habit, Jubilee Place, 12-1 oth-

4.30 KENT MESSENGER MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 1f 149yds

34-0000 WELCOME ROYALE (25) M Tomptons 3 9 3 P Robleson 5

—9 declared —

BETTING: 3-1 Seve-Id, 7-2 Jean Plarre, 5-1 Yeath, 6-1 Veridian, Demari-

4506 VERDIAN (13) P Harrs 3 9 13...

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Tompkins said vesterday. "He til next year, when the plan is by Lanfranco Dettori, who rewasn't right at all in the race and to keep him in training. The ported: "The ground was a litile slower than he would have liked and he just ran out of gas." Britain's other representative, Mark Johnston's Gothenburg. set the pace for much of the journey but was furthest behind at the point that mattered most.

First Island gets a lift from Deauville as his stablemate at Geoff Wragg's Newmarket yard, Sasuru, won the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano. Sasuru captured the Group Two contest by a short-head from Android. INTERNATIONAL STAKES (York, Tuesday): Count: 5-2 Halling, 11-4 First Island, 7-2 Stjou D'Inde, 7-1 Grape Iree Road, Valancur, 10-1 Spectrum, 12-1 Even Top, Tameset, 25-1 Gory Of Dender, 100-1 Punishment.

Ladbrohes: 9-4 Hasing, 100-30 First Island, 7-2 Byou D'Inde, 6-1 Spectrum, 7-1 Valanous, 10-1 Grape Tree Road, 14-1 Definite Article. Top's ledge at 12-1 is erring on One event for the Niarchos (sen top 20-1 Goy) or Dancer, 100-1 Pur-

> William Hitt 5-2 First Island, 11-4 Halling, 3-1 Bjou O'inde, 8-1 Spectrum, Valaneur, 11-1 Even Top. Grape Tree Road, 14-1 Definite Article, 25-1 Citizy Of Dancer, 100-1 Punishment,

Mighty Quinn in trebie form

Richard Quinn stepped his challenge for the jockeys' title at Salisbury yesterday with a treble aboard Norsong, Salty Jack and Consort.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Toy Princess (Newbury 4.40) NB; Ta Rab (Newbury 3.40)

Ouinn, who is now on the 114-winner mark for the season, just 16 behind the leading rider Pat Eddery, said: "I'm going all out to do my best to beat Pat."



2.40: Yelta, apparently lightly weighted after his Sandown success, holds an obvious chance. At longer odds, however, SABRAK, from the in-form Michael Jarvis yard makes some appeal. This colt can be forgiven his recent unplaced effort at Newmarket where the ground was too firm.

3.10: Barry Hills very much complicates matters in this event by turning out three of the five runners. State Fair's experience could well settle matters but stablemate IN QUESTION, could surprise.

3.40: This looks to be between Ta Rib and BIN ROSIE. The latter, according to reports from Newmarket, has been working impressively on the home gallops.

NEWBURY

2.10 Elegant Warning 2.40 SABRAK (nap) 3.10 In Question 3,40 Bin Rosle

HYPERION 4_10 Minds Music 4.40 Toy Princess 5.10 Trafalgar Lady (nb)

STALLS: Round course - knode; Straight course - 420de' sale. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers may be best for of to 1m on straight course Left-hand crouse, south-cast of town near A34. Rushway station 'scryice from Lendon, Paddington) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 510: Tattersells SR: Silver Ring 51: (OAPs half price). CAR PARK: Free

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ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: P Chapple-Hyans - 35 wanters from 148 timeners goes a success ratio of 25.7% and a loss to a £1 level scale of \$7.8%; E Hannon - 34 edomers, 461 renners, 7.5%, 4209.04; J Gooden - 32 winners, 120 restours, 24.8%, +571.31; P Cole - 22 winners, 189 ramers, 11.6%, +524.21.

ELEADING JOCKETS: J Reid - 72 wins, 263 rides, 18.4%, 52.56; Par Eddery - 44 wess, 268 rides, 16.4%, 5.19.67; L Dettori - 38 wins, 210 rides, 18.1%, +510.00; W Carson -34 wms, 228 rides, 14.9%, 471.51. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Salaman (4.40).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Shirley See (1.40) won it Think to Monday LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Izea (1.40) sem 284 miles by W Storey (rom Magadesarch, Co Durham: Shirley San (4.40) sem 237 miles by M Johnston from Mcbile harn, N Vorios

2.10 SPARSHOLT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 2 CHECON STREET (12) Copy J Mantonski-Buchanary W Struck & 11 ... W R Swindows & 2 CHECON STREET (12) Copy J Mantonski-Buchanary W Struck & 11 ... W R Swindows & 2 CHECON WINDOWS (13) Dec Copy S Late & 12 GOLDEN GODDESS Regal Harral I Salong & 11

O PERCHANCE TO DIREAM (28) Mas S Lord B Marker 5 12 R Cockenso 18 SHOW EVALE Higher Tronggree Racing Ltd. R Harrow 2 11 . . Dane Official (3) 11 WANG AND A PRINTER INTO LUIN Magain I RHAMON S 12 X Adome 1 - 19 declared -SETTENCE 9-2 Elegant Warning, 11-2 Curren Street, 8-1 Calachian, 15-2 Chorus Song, 8-1 Injected, 18-1 Rose Carolina, 12 Floorbilling Way, Solder Soldens, 15 Marchille, Salvers Short, 16 others.

1995: Bosto Short ASA: 2 B 11 W Arraré - 5 (N Copf. 22 Jan.)

FORM GUIDE it's doubtful whether are of these will match the heafth of last year's womer. Bours Sham, who tended odds of 5-4 in a field of 20. Still, there are some useful types on new and ELbeaten a length and a half by a smart cold, The West, on her Gondwood debut, is fancied to go one better from her favourable high draw. This, the share ng filly was flattered by her processly to the easy wither but she foreign times and a half length their of the third and she is certain to progress as a result of the experience. Curson Street Lisc found one too good on her single start so far, gaing under a neck to Hawat at Lingfard 12 days ago, finishing strongly after being hampered two futiongs out. Catechian has firefee! namer-up in both her races - beaten five lengths by lictain inviner since at Natingturn and half a length by much fanced newcomer Caerbin Danver at Ascol a first very ago. Buth events were at this trip and another littling would be a here. Peter Chappie-Hyam's goungsters are always to be feared at this track and Chorus Song, an Alleged half-sister to the useful springer Woodborough, might prove the pick of the newcomers. Dick Frem has a good record with his juversies on this course over the years and **injurnat** - by Day, it and me first foal of Cheveley Park third Basms – must also be kept on the right side. David Loder s

Rose Carnivel, a daughter of Salse, and Ian Baiding's Formulable filly Goldon Goddon

Selection: ELEGANT MARNING

	2.40	BONUSPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS C) £13,000 added 3YO 1m 2f	BBC2
1	21324	POLINESSO (30) (Street Materiated, 5 Hds 9 7.	
2		BRILLIANT RED (20) (Heel Pance Fatic Sacrat: P Com 9 6	
3		YAROS (34) Harridan Ay Maktourni H Thomasir Jones 9 3	
4	550050	BRANDON MARIC (27) R PS Nacreson: Bears 9 1	W R S-libers 1
5	1360	WOT NO FIX (140 (D) (Nemose's Reens Partiers to: 5 Dou 9 C	me O'Noil (2) 2
6	2-41062	MARKED (14) (D) (Armed A) States R Asserting 9 D.	
7		SHET FANDANGO (USA) (13) AL 450 P Coe 5 12	
8		CHAMPACHE PRINCE (SA) Magrum Force 2 horrs 8 12	
9	530	CONTENSION (USA) (15) (D) STEAT VOTETTEC I CONOR B 11	L Dettori 6
10	420 10	PLYING GREEN (Pit) (20) (D) Paul Green: 4 Nober 8 11	J Stack 16
11	04410	SARRAN (36) (Sheirin Ahmed Al Makazari: M. Janes 3 10	1 Nate 15
12	21	YAUTA (22) (Lord Weinstock Exols of late Silverstock R Chartert 8 :	Pat Eddery 18
13	3.2604D	KRISCLIFFE (20) IP A Ichel Mass Gay Medentey 8 5	
14		FASE (56) (D) (territori Al Malcautt C Berschot 8 3	
15		POLAR PROSPECT (36) (Date: Record Parties to 18 Harbury 7 to 18 Med	

- 15 declared -Minimum weight 75 102. The hending weight Ambresiath. Tit 90. BETTEME: 7-2 Yaita, 4-1 Martin, 5-1 Swift Fandings, 6-1 Policepse, 10-1 Granustand, Fanil, 12-1 Brillant Red, 14-1 others.

1995: Cap Julica 3 9 7 J Wester 4-1 (R Charton) 13 ran

16 460 AMEASSADOR (USA) (58) C 1 Restroy C 9/20 7 LC

There is better still to come from YALTA and he can make his first venture into hand-cap company a winning one. Roger Charlton's numer, had brother to Nach Terrace and Gay Girt. kept on well to finish a length-and-half second behind notice Questions on his immodulation. at Windsor last month and justified forcunitism of Sondown three weeks ago, defeating Roy. al Result half a length with F4al isuccessful on the same course on Wednesday. Dealer four lengths in third. Yalta was staying on well towards the finish of that still may and this extra quarter-mule be will be to his Rung, Furthermore, he is not haistly reason getting weight from most and the stable won this last season with Cap [2] pop. Pollocade is on the weight in his first handicap and deserves to be, having run well in his time starts since his Risson mades victory back in April, most recently when dead-heating for thirp idemated to faith in Mushahid's race on this course. However, he has yet to race beyond a mile and faces a tough task conceding Yaira a stone. Fault, yet another in his first handicup, might base the baggest threat. John Benstead's charge got off the mark at the faunth after the mastering subsequent scorers Deadline Time and Bend Wary by a next and a next at Goodwood eight weeks ago but hasn't raced since. Yarob was bearen a couple of lengths by Ba Harbour et Epsom but had only one behind him in the 17-harrier 1/351et Cup won 5-14/2-2013 at York. Murhob, who divided previous remners Fahim and Crown Court in a close finish at

3	10	WASHINGTON SINGER STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed Race) £14,000 added 2YO 7f (Straight)
1	34315	PONDER BAER (34) Last Campton' R Harror 90 L Defined 2 6
2		STATE FIRE (12) (D) Fay Refunds is him 30
3		COUNT ROBERSO (USA) INTERNATION HOUSE S. NOVERE! P (Trapple Hyer B B
4		DAVOSRI Potent Ogoen 8 Note 8 S W Comes 3
5		IN QUESTION IN ADDULT 814568.

Goodwood, is up 50 but is another with claims in an open correst. Selection: Y4LTA

BETTRIG: 5-4 State Fair, 3-1 Count Roberto, 4-1 in Question, 8-1 Devocid, 10-1 Presider River. 1995: Mons 2 9 0 1 Wester 13-8 (L Currano Bra-

FORM GUIDE Barry Helis nans three of the five numbers in this and STATE FAIR, with warrant form behind him over the the, looks the ngitt choice. The Shurloy Heights colt, third of 13 to four-length winner Ocean Raige on his introduction over so, here in June, failed to obtain a clear run when a length mather-up behind Shamilth in the Chesham Stakes over today's trip at Royal Ascot and he stemmed market may Hindsight seven lengths at Chester. In Question and Devocki complete the Hills the and the pick of these newcomers must be the former, who is by Deploy out of a mare related to St Legar ratio Toulon, However, Percy Chappie Hyam 5 Count Roberto, a son of El Gran Schot, might be the one who gives Statu Fair most to do. The stable won this with Rodingo De Triano (1991) and Colonel Collins (1993). Powder River mode all in a little race at Epsom but freshed last of five to Halowing in a Lingfeld

	3.40	HUNGERFORD STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) BBC2 £30,000 added 7f 64yds (Round)
1	6-3136	MUSTLE CAT (USA) (16) (C) (D) (P N L COU 5 Hbocs 6 9 3 W Woods 6 L11
3		BEN ROSE (22) Wife Each D Index 490 L Detion 8 8 225
3	(21411	GREEN PERFUNE (ASA) (28) (CD) (Lord Sandes) Picco 4 9 E Tighter 7 114
3		TA 108 (USA) (37) (D) (Nonetter Al Malcouri- E Duntop 3 9 0
5		HAMMERSTERN (12) ON Stream Materiation V Stocks 189
6		LUCKY LICHEL (USA) (17) (Artoras Patarras P Harron 3 8 9
7	21232	MAGELLAN (USA) (7) (Monamen Obarta) C Britain 3 8 9 B Dayle 4 55
А		THE LANG DAY (17) (0) (Correction Shall Michael 187)

- B declared -SETTING: 11-4 To Rin, 9-2 bin Rosie, 5-1 Hammyryton, 6-1 Thrilling Day, 7-1 Locky Llottel, 6-1 Green Perfume, Mistie Cut, 10-1 Magellos. 1995 Ratay: JUSAI 3 8 13 W Carron Dal (Major W P Hern: 9 ran

HAMMERSTEIN keeps improving and our register his learn - and most important - suc cess of the search in this Group Three event. Michael Stoute's good-locking Kn3 colf opened as account in a Thirsk marten in May, following with a short head defeat by L'Ami Lauss on the same course. Hammerstein might have been unstated by the selectinground when unplaced against Binmberg at Sandown but his landed both races since, beating Green Green Desert a head in the Diamond Ladies rules at Arast and Hussian Masic with a hit or hand at Goodwood. He might well progress further. To 200, other winning a Newmarket made en tr, five lengths on her reappearance, four the Poule d'Essa des Pouleties at Langeranne. defraining the unlucky in running Shake The Take less than a length. She was only fourth to Strake The Yoke in the Coronation Stakes at Foyal Ascert hat fundhed runner ou behind the smart French Sty, Sentation in the Fallmouth Statura of Newmarket. With House in conessent and in-form fife, towns Restrictive a bruid loo good in a Group Three of the Cutrago last marato and wom a Listest extra ex Manager, Latitie III (List altrawants, **Count Perfecto**), number up to Permoustry, in the 1994 Download, fixed to score at a transpersional and was only with of rune to Hampi in this event 12 months ago but he has done little wrong this term, warrang for the third fund from his test from outcars when besting Everglades a two over cause and astance. This is tengther, though Thrilling Day, winner of the best Gayst over focus 6 top on her opening buting this unbook trusted before bucky bloom! the time last but one before Venture Combined over such that and was later of fa Bits after failing to stay the milit of the Communical Stakes, However, she beautiful back to her best when revering to seven at Goodwood and falle and, with her turn of fact, could go wer. Mistle Cat, a fume first numer, has won twice over larger frigulat this fractic Successful at Departie in May ofter a third in the Sandown Mile, he occupied the same placand in the Queen Arrive at Kingal Ascert and the first finding pole when an eight length sum

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7	4.10	NEWTOWN CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS (2) £7,700 added
		THUFMES MELOGY (22) (D) (4) At Smill Line Harries 5.9 ft	
2	2224.70	MINES MUSIC (USA) (90) (0) (87) (Marches I amp) H Crest 4 9 3	Put Eddery 3
3	471377	POLICAS (USA) (471) (D) (Shekh Malamani) (Gisum 5:9 3.	_ L Dutteri 2
		MIVER MORTH (DA) (D) IP D State Lack Heries 6-9-3.	K Declay 4
5	1 (1.)	HERON ISLAND (82) IP E Sangalori P Chikath-Hyam 3 (8.0)	J Ruld 0
Ç.		BASINGA (82) Control Marianai C Britain 5.5.	3 Daylo 1

- & deciared -BETTING: 7-4 Minds Music. 7-2 Yanfar's Matody. 4-1 Potterf. 5-1 Heron Island. 7-1 Moor North 1995: Azer County 5.9 T. J. Gravet 14.1 - R. Mehandi Siran

FORM GLHOE Herry Car: releas solely on MINDS MUSIC from an many of lour, so the four year-aid should be fit enough despite a 90-day absence. The son of Sakur Hawk won the first and last of five starts task term, function; second in the other three, including the St Leger when booken more than these lengths by Classic Clicke. Third to Oscar Schindler and Election Day # the Ormando at Chester in May on his rotum, going under a longer, and a half and a shorthead, he was beaten four lengths by Election Day in a Listed event here nine days later, probably red acting as well as the winner on the rain softened ground. Taugar's Melody races the main threat. After Inching out Midnight Legand it Lingfold, Tautan's Melody Color to confirm the form on 5th worse forms at Lecester, being beaten less than a length, and was a fair fourth in Listed company at Vichy three weeks ups - Selections MINDS MISIC

	1.40	LEVY BOARD HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS D) £ to stakes 2m	7,650 adde
1	0-00005	SALAMAN (PR) (16) (D) (RF) (Laby Cohes) J Dustop 4 9 10	7 Quius 2 l
2		TOY PRINCESS (USA) (21) (C.E. Britani) C. Britani 4-9:	
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SALAMAN, who challed up four wirs in 1995, attracted pierry of support at the big Goodwood meeting 16 days ago but finished only a 10 length fifth to Southern Power. That was the fifth time he has run unplaced from as many starts this season but deserves a last chance in the fast-time blakers. In sharp contrast to Salaman, northern challengers Stairley Sue and base both come here in cracking form and are out for hat-tricks. They are penamend 5to but get tumps of weight from the selection and could guidose. Shaley Sue scored by two lengths at Newcaste nine days ago, following up by the same margin at Thirst on Monday, trza only scraped home at Redcar and Catterick last month, but finished strongly after being switched for a clear run at the former track. Bowcliffe Court deserves a lucky break after finishing runner-up in his last two races, at Catterick and Sandown while the Ight'y reced marden Caballus in his first handcap here, is open to improvement, though his last of four to Liefling at Ascot wasn't encouraging.

Selection: SALAMAN

	5.10	JACK COLLING POLAR JEST APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 6f
		PATSY GROVES (17) (D) 3 % Granes 1 Moore 6 10 0 P P Marghy 5
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BETTIME: 5-2 Highland Rhapsody, 4-1 Furthery Lass, 6-1 Trafalger Lady, Rambold, 7-1 Elito Force, 8-1 Patry Grimes, 10-1 Dencing Lawyer, 12-1 others, 1995 Greet Hat 6 7 5 Martin Dayer 12-1 (P Control 11 con

£3,450 added 3YO 1m 30vds

2.20 Glow Forum 2.50 Berge 3.20 Cheeky Chappy 3.50 Wild Palm 4.20 Red Test 4.50 Hever Golf Diamond

GOING: Standard. STALLS: 5f & 1m 6f - oraside; rest - inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. Fibresand surface; left-hand sharp, oral course. Course is 3m SE of town and 5m W of Newark. Rolleston Junetion adjoins course. ADMISSION: Chub \$12: Tattersalls \$6 (OAP members of course's Diamond Club \$4, accompanied under-16s

free). CAR PARK: Free. SIS PACKE

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Power Don (2.50), Delrob (3.20). Amy (4.20), Red Test (4.20). WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Alies (3.20) won at Wolverhampton last Friday.
LONG DISTANCE EUNNERS: Allaz (3.20) sem 209 miles from Mise Gay Kelleway's Whiteombe stable in Dorset.

2.20 KEN AND NICK BRIGHT HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added fillies 1m 4f 100-004 TROLETTE (1.4) (D) R Williams 4 9 11 ______ D Biggs 5 B 521430 ALHAROA (17) D Nictoils 3 9 -_____ Alex Greenes 10 103500 TABREZ (15) | Bethell 3 9 4 ______ S Droune 2 352-101 QLOW FOREM (20) (CD) LM Half 5 9 2 _____ F Lynch (2) 6 0444 LARISSA (27) GWEGE 893.

BETTONG: 3-1 Compaspe, 7-2 Glow Forces, 4-1 Trojette, 6-1 Larisse, Wies Coley, 8-1 South Wind, Uoni, 12-1 other. 250 ROB AND LYNDSEY'S WEDDING CLAIM-ING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 7f 105300 DANCING SIOUX (T) (CD) U Nichols 4 9 12 Alex Greenes 11.
300-055 JOURO (20) (D) K McAulife 7 9 12.
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ta, 8-1 Walcome Royalo, 10-1 Tablets of Stone, 12-1 others. 005002 DISCO BOT (25) P Exens 8.92 033534 BORN A LADY (13) (C) S Bowing 3 9 1 Date McKeows 5 B 033120 DELROB (32) (C) (D) (EF) D Hayon Jones 5 B 12F Norton 9 B 500-041 ALIAZ (7) (CD) Mass Gay Keloway 5 B 12 (7ec) __R Haybes 3 012300 NAPOLEON'S RETURN (22) J Eym 3 B 10 ______S Droman 6 15 0-25400 JEMSHLWERTHORN (20) R Spicer 389___ R Mallon (7) 1 B 15 202456 BELINDA BLUE (7) R Fahry 489___

– 15 deciment – RETTHE: 7-1 Mapler Star, 8-1 Anita's Contessa, Lady Shoriff, Aliaz, 10-1 Call Me Fm Bine, Born A Lady, Need You Badly, 12-1 others. 3.50 SUNLINE DIRECT MAIL HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m

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BETTRIG: 9-2 Wild Pales, 5-1 Young Annahol, 6-1 Predent Put, 8-1 Gift-box, Pensuer, 10-1 Catherbur's Choice, Dubol Cologo, 12-1 others 4.20 PLIMBAGO SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 2YO 5f

G Durkel 10 JUY TEE EF (FRE) 8 McMaron 8 11 ____F Norton 7 6 ASSUMPTA (46) C Boom 8 6...

BETTRICE 3-1 Red Yest, 4-1 Just Loui, 9-2 Make Ready, 5-1 Braffel, 7-1 South Strings, 8-1 Transport Spirit, 10-1 Meconnier, 12-1 others 4.50 HONEYSUCKLE AMATEURS MAIDEN H'CAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 6f 2025-0 PM AT THE YOP (#) I North 4 10 13 _ Int F P Carmington (5) 7

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BEY Bill: 11-4 Star Performer, 7-2 Havens Holgats, Procedency, 4-1 Love And Klases. Atlanta, 8-1 Steinemarch, 23-1 others

5.40 Ambidextrous 6.10 China Red 6.40 General Glow 7.10 No Extradition 7.40 Clued Up 8.10 Falcon's Flame

GOING: Good to Firm. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for lif to if: Low from Tilbyd to 1m 107d. Almost flat, oval course; straight of course. Course is near junction of A580 and M6. Newton station AD-MISSION: County Stand £11; Tattereal's £8; Newton Stand £1.50 (OA)'s half-price in Tattervalls and Newton Stands. CAR PARK Tree.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Gold Lining (visored, 7, 40). Are Of The Div-WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Closed Up (7 40) wan at Red-LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS; Colutomer (8.10) sent 207 miles from M Pipe's Nicholashayne stable in Dewer; Poreman (7 40) sent 196 miles from R Simpson's West Buckland stable in Someoset; Celebration Cake-(8.10) sem 149 miles from Miss L Percett's Ayr stable in Scrathchide.

5.40 SUTTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) 063231 FAR AVEAD (13) (D) J Eyre 4 10 0 0 Pears 4
216131 CANEON VENTURE (10) (D) S Woods 4 9 11 (5cs) N Variey 5
0/36-665 HOME COUNTIES (7) D Moder 7 8 12 Decreas Mothett 1 V
12333 AMERICOROUS (B) E Alson 4 8 1 0 Wingle 3
441102 REAGONESQUE (REA) (D) (D) P Murphy 4 8 1 5 Decreas 2
120433 Hall Frank DANCER (D) (D) W Response 5 7 12 3 Breakin (5) 0 063231 FAR ANEAD (13) (D) J Eyro 4 10 0

BETTING: 3-1 Far Aboud, 7-2 Contro Venhare, 9-2 Rouganeeque, 5-1 House Cousties, Ambidestrous, 6-1 Hill Farm Dancer

added 2YO 6f CHINA RED (USA) (27) ! HAS 9 3 RELIQUARY (USA) D LOSE 9 0 ______ Pot Eddary 6 6 TONISA (18) 5 190'er 9 2 J Negver 3 WELSKIP (USA) : Ben 9 5 J Negver 3 - 9 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Reliquery, 3-1 China Hed. 9-2 Healtywith Pearl, 5-1 others 6.40 GO EVENING RACING HANDICAP (CLASS E) - 7 dechand -BETTING: 5-2 Raindear Quest. 7-2 General Gion, 4-1 Minuter Giory, 9-2 others 7.10 RAINHILL NURSERY HANDICAP SKY 230113 BOLD AFRICAN (20) (0) F Ears 8 12 ______ J F Egen 8 B

ECCLES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750

20113 BOLD APPRIATE (20) FOR FLOWER BOLD AND APPRIATE BOLD OID SMOKEY FROM CAPLEN (22) ! O'NE! 50 _____ J Quite 7 - 9 declared -BETTING: 7-2 Bold African, 9-2 Sees La Hez, 5-1 Narrous Hex, 6-1 others

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SWAN SELLING STAKES (CLASS SKY F)

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	Ph	of Fair, Dale	Webstiere Police David 42 d act

5.55 Gold Blade 6.25 Norbreck House 6.55 Jeffrey Anotherred 7.25 Alfinson's Mate 7.55 Here Comes A Star 8.25 Rex Mundi GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: 8f - outside; rest - hunde. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for M. when stalls far side. Left-hand course, and sharp, Not suitable for the long-striding home. Run in 210yes. Course as NW of town on A6136. Darlington section 14m - bus service to course. ADMISSION: Club \$11; Tattersalls 57; Course 52.50 (under

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Abstone Queen (visored, 6.25), Budd'al WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG DISTANCE RINNERS: Just Lady (7.55) sent 280 miles from W G M Turner's Corton Denham stable in Sumerset; Jeffrey Anotherred (6.56) neut 235 miles from K W J McAnjille's Lambourn stable in Berk-shire; Polish Lady (7.25) sent 201 miles from C Murray's Newmarket sta-ble in Suffolg Gold Hinde (6.55) sent 201 miles from J Penree's Newmarket

16s free into all enclosures). CAR PARE: Members 5th, remainder Free.

eable in Sollinic 5.55 TATTERSALLS AMATEURS HANDICAP (CLASS G)

345035 DR EDEAR (13) Al Dots 4 10 10 ______ Nr 5 Selens 1 /560-26 TAKE TWO (10) MSS M MSHgm 8 10 6 Mer D Wildness 8 06-4000 CHANTEN BEATH (11) (D) C Tromson 5 10 3 Mer D Wildness (B) 7 304320 FART HIGH ANDS (B) Hestone 3 10 0 Mer J A Stack (B) 6 062140 DON'T DAOP BOSES (USA) (S) (D) D Thom 7 9 7 Miss J Felden 4 Y - 8 dectared -BETTING: 5-4 Gold Black, 4-1 Don't Drop Bornts, 5-1 Dr Edgar, 8-1 Chantry Boath.

10-1 Tales Two, 12-1 Pairy Highlands, Never Time, 25-1 others

en production of the control of the

60453 THE BEE MAN (8) (MF) M M Examply ? 11 ______ Date Change - 8 declared -BETTPNG: 11-4 Nast Y Genner, 3-1 Jeffrey Anotherred, 5-1 Perfect Bles, 7-1 T Bos Man, 8-1 Medison Welcomo, 10-1 Super Salet, 12-1 others 7.25 CHARLES CLINKARD H'CAP(CLASS E) £4,200 added 7f 300111 BILLE BOMBER (12) (CD) V Thompson 5 10 0

00-0000 POLISH LADY (4) C Mustay 3 ? 10. 1 Charmonk ? 000031 WELCOME 2U (9) (0) / 1 Harrs 3 ? 10 (6er) F Norton 2 - 12 declared -SETTING: 7-2 Shop Surphur, 5-1 Allesson's Mate, 6-1 Welcome Ls. 7-1 Descrit Lyon. BETTENC: 5-2 Marsayes, 5-1 Karayter, 6-1 Rex Mondi, 7-1 Stone Cross, Suiter, 8-1

	ETTINO: 7-2	- 9 declared - Bold African, 9-2 Sees La Hey, 5-1 Nervoys Rev., 6-1 others	PETTING: 7-2 Colebration Chics, 9-2 Colebrator, 5-1 Faktor's Flator, 6-1 Intendent Fing Fast, Duke Valentino, Cuban Reef, 12-1 others
	6.25	PHILLIPS AUCTIONEERS SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added ZYO 71	7.55 CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F)£3,450 SKY
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- 8 16	60453 60453	PERFECT BLSS (4) (D) (BF) 7 Extra 5 6 R Prench (7) 3 THE BEE MAN (8) (BF) M W Enterby ? 11 Date Officer 2 - 8 declared - Heart Y Gener, 3-1 Jeffrey Anothersed, 5-1 Perfect Blos, 7-1 The Medicon Welcome, 10-1 Super Saint, 12-1 others	8.25 PLANTATION STUD MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 7f 177yds
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THE INDEPENDENT RACING SERVICES 0891 261 + LIVE COMMENTARIES RESULTS **FOLKESTONE** AYDOCK (E)

Mysilv Champion doubt

The Elite Racing Club has warned its 6,000 members not to take the 16-1 Champion Hurdle ante-post odds available on Mysilv. The club's Matthew Budden said yesterday: "Trainer Charles Égerton, in conjunction with us, hasn't made any firm plans for her, but I can

nurdies.

"The Stavers' Hurdle is likely to be the main target. And in the newsletter to our members that went to press yesterday I said that nobody should be taking odds on the Champion Hurdle."

Mysilv failed to make the frame in the past two runnings say the Champion Hurdle is of the Champion Hurdle devery unlikely if she stays over spite gallant displays. Yesterday's results, page 25

me about Sunderland. They don't even seem to be thinking

short term, about surviving this

days is that Peter Reid has guaranteed Sunderland three seasons in the Premiership! au-

tumn, winter and spring. The buoyant mood on the banks of

the Tyne and the Tees is con-

spicuously absent from Wear-

side, where Reid has spent only £3m on Alex Rac, Tony Coton and Niall Quinn, spreading a re-

Rokerites have painful mem-

ories of six years ago, when Sun-

derland gained back-door entry

to the top-flight after Swin-don, who outclassed them in the

play-off final at Wembley, were

barred because of financial mis-

demeanours. Denis Smith was

allowed to buy only Peter Dav-

enport and Kevin Ball and the

relegation which followed was

the inevitable outcome Sun-

Billy Simmons has followed

vears. "Peter Reid has done a

Sunderland home and away

for all but the first six of his 79

great job with no money," he

said, "but we're going to be up

against the cream of the world's

players and I've got to say it

doesn't look very hopenu. Bob

Murray, the chairman, has done

a good job fighting for the new

ground we'll move into next Au-

gust. But it's no good having a new suit if you've got nowt to

Sunderland were exposed in

emperor's new clothes the last

time they stepped up to join

their neighbours in the top

flight. "I just hope the same

thing doesn't happen," Bob

Stokoe said. "It's great for the

North-east to bave the big three

up there again. The place is

alive. But my feelings are with

Stokoe resigned 10 games

into the 1976-77 season when it _

became clear that his Second

Division champions were not

going to be strong enough to

survive. Retired for nine years

now and recently returned to his

native Northumberland, Stokoe

was the last manager to bring

one of English football's prized

pots to the North-east - and a player in the last Newcastle side

to claim one, the FA Cup win-

"My mind boggles at the

put on with it."

Peter Reid.

ners of 1955.

derland fans fear once again.

signed sense of déja vu.

The talk of the Toon these

season."

Football's land of plenty long term. That's what baffles

Simon Turnbull discusses a region's return to prominence

rthur Appleton chose the title "Hotbed of Soccer" when he wrote the story of North-east football in 1960. After three decades in cold storage, the epithet is rolling hot off the nation's presses once again. I don't think there's any doubt that the region is a hotbed again," Appleton, now an octogenarian, said recently. "It's difficult to think back to a time when there was so much interest in North-east football." It is not merely the fact that

Newcastle United, Middlesbrough and Sunderland will kick off as fellow top-flighters for only the second season since 1954. Neither is it because some 78,000 North-easterners have invested in Premiership season tickets.

Rather it is the fact that a global spotlight will be trained upon Tyneside, where the world's most expensive footballer will be in the Newcastle team, and upon Teesside, where Middlesbrough will parade a Brazilian who scored from the penalty spot in the most recent World Cup final and an Italian who was on the mark in the European Cup final three months

For a region which became synonymous with the description "sleeping giant", it is an astonishing transformation.

It is only five years since Joe Allon of Hartlepool was voted the North-east's best player by the region's football writers; only four since Newcastle stood on the brink of financial collapse and the old Third Division; and little more than two seasons since Middlesbrough were attracting gates of 6,000.

Two weeks ago 2,000 fans queued down by the Riverside to pay £40 each for the privilege of wearing Middlesbrough's new strip. Bernie Slaven laughed when he recalled how the Boro players of 1986 collected wages paid by the PFA at the Town Hall because the club. was under liquidation and the gates to Ayresome Park padlocked. "It's a different world up here now," he said. The retired Republic of Ireland striker cost £25,000 when he joined Middlesbrough from Albion Rovers in 1984. "It's staggering," he said, "when you think some players are getting that much each week."

Newcastle and Sunderland In Middlesbrough's case, have won 10 championships Fabrizio Ravanelli and the boys and eight FA Cups between from Brazil – Branco, Juninho and Emerson - are being paid their weekly fortunes to earn the club the kind of tradition their neighbours can boast. They have yet to win one of the game's major domestic trophies, the Anglo-Scottish Cup won in 1976 by the team that Jack Charlton built not quite Don Revie's giants in the FA qualifying for the first class honours category.

them. Yet since Arthur Appleton paid printed homage to the hotbed, 36 years ago now, only twice has top-quality silverware been brought north of Scotch Corner: in 1969, when Newcastle won the Inter Cities Fairs Cup, and in 1973, when Bob Stokoe's Sunderdogs slayed



east's "big three" in the Second Division but Sunderland beat Newcastle in the play-off semi-finals and, courtesy of the FA's punishment of Swindon, secure premotion despite losing the Wembley final. DECEMBER 1990: The share issue charri-

pioned by John Hall and his Magpie Group is a lamentable failure. Hell and his son, Dou-

teem, he says... DECEMBER 1991: Don Goodman joins Sunderland for £900,000 from West Brom, the North-east's record signing. With a relegation fight looming, however, Denis Smith is sacked as manager.

OFCEMBER 1991: Sir John Hall (newy knight) ed in the Queen's Birthday Flohours) returns to Newcastle as chairman. Our deuts are approaching £5m and we heed to go back to the bank to see us through this sessore. he says. "The haemon region has got to stop." FEBRUARY 1991: Newceste drop to sec-

persuades him to return with a guarantee of the money for transfers he was promised.

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MAY 1991: Sundetand are relegated.

NOVEMBER 1991: Kevin Keegan watches Ossie Artilles's strugging Newcastle side, containing five teenagers, on a return trip to St. James' Park: "I thought I was watching a yoush team," he says.

SEPTEMBER 1993: Stave Gibson; & THE MAY 1992: Middlesbrough, under Lennie. Jonaire from his bulk hautage business, takes." Lawrence, secure promotion to become the diverses Middlesbrough chairman at the age North-east's only members of the inaugurant of 38. The people of Teesside have suffered at Premier League. Sundentand, with Melcolin 120 years of medicorny but I always felt the Crosby as carefaler, and relegation and reach include had real potential, the says.

miership, behind Manchester United and Bischum and quality for the Liefa Cup. Reegan signs a 10 year contract. The je going to take this club on a seat decade of adventure. The says. Bryan Robson, the former England and Mandrester Linked explain. Joins Middlesbrough as manager. NOVEMBER 1994: Bitcher gets the chop. at Sunderland. He spent £2.3m but had the worst managerial reconf in the club's 114

is worth, he says. The ve achieved a for fit the past three years but if that's etiough. then we're all washing our time. I said this as a chance to take us forward MORCH 1995: Pater Reid Succeeds Mich But-

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AUGUST 1995: Newcastle start the season?

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dinario, David Carde, Stales Histor, and War-OCTOBER 1995: Middlesbrough, Raving al-

ready signed Nick Berntoy, ture the Brezil-ian Junior to their new £1.6g) Riverside Statium for £4.75m from Sep Paulo. FERRIARY 1996. Newcastle, 12 points clear of Mancriester, United, sign Faustino Asprilla for £7,5m from Parina.

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Etropesia Con winners, inventos, for Pablizio Tatalelli.

thought of Newcastle spending £15m on a player," he said, "It's like playing Monopoly as kids with paper money. It's a different era to when I was a manager but I suppose it's one of the demands of success these days and I do think Newcastle will dominate this season.

"It's incredible to think that they haven't won a domestic trophy since I played in that 1955 team and that the North-east has won nothing since the Sunderland team I managed in 1973. It's about time those

The botbed's rising temperature suggests the wait may soon

TODAY'S **NUMBER**

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The record number of cities which have submitted their official bids to stage the 2004 Summer Olympics, The winner will be announced in Septemoer 1997. The previous record was nine for the right to host the 2002 Winter Games.

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Brittanic Assurance County Championship (First of four days; today 11.0) Derbyskire v Nottinghamshire M V Pleming not out _______23
Extrac (b4, nb22) ______26
Yotal (for 4, 104 overs) ______413
Falt: 1-57. 2-158. 3-313, 4-381.
To Bat: 15 C Wills, M M Patel, D W Headley, DERBY: Derbyshire (3ots) have accred 310 for 8 in thier first lanings against Not-

REYSHIRE -- First ionings C J Adams fow b Cams ...
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T J G O'Goman b Calms ... D G Cork not out . K J Dears not out

To Bat: D E Malcoim.

Bowling: Carns 25-7-81-2; Evans 22-3-741; Bowen 27-8-52-3; Tolley 21-2-67-0; Afford 9-2-23-2 NOTTINGHAMSHERE: R T Robinson, P R Pol-lard, A A Metcalfe *P Johnson, U Atzaul, C M Tolley, C L Calms, †W M Noon, K P Evans, M R Bowen, J A Afford. Umpires: R Palmer and R A White. Gloucestershire v Yorkshire BRISTOL: Gloscostershire (5pts), with four first-imnings wickets standing are 45 runs ahead of Yorkshire (2). harteshire wan tosa M P Yaughan low b Smith

R A Kettleborough b Wolsh C White b Walsh 7-116, 8-149, 9-153, Bowling Walsh 14.2-8-22-6; Sman 10-1-46-2: Levis 6-0-21-0; Alloyne 7-1-31-0; Davis 6-0-42-2. GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First Innings

T H C Hancock b Severwood29 M A Lynch b White R P Davis not out M W Alleyne not out ______ 1
Extras (b4, b1, nb12) ______ 17
Total (for 5, 59 overs) ______ 211
Fall: 1-0, 2-108, 3-135, 4-133, 5-199, 6-

To But: †R C Russell, A M Smith, *C A Walsh, Bowling: Gough 16-3-52-2: Siverwood 18-5-56-3: Nartey 11-0-52-0; Stemp 7-0-27-0; White 7-0-19-1 **Kent y Somerset** CANTERBURY: Kent (4pts) have second 413 for 4 in their first immings against Somer-Hent wan toss

member of that great attacking Sunderland side, which featured the sublimely talented Raich Carter, remains alive, but then again their magic moment did come in 1936. Even then, Johnny Mapson does not have a medal as tangible evidence that the North-You have to delve way back east once had kings of the CRICKET SCOREBOARD

M J McCague, T N Wren. Briving: Rose 20-3-70-0; Lee 24-2-122-0; West 14-3-68-2: Baity 26-7-73-2; Parsons 11-2-39-0; Trescothick 9-1-37-0

SOMERSET: "P D Bowler, M N Latitwell, M E Trescottlick R J Harden, K A Parsons, S Lee, †R J Turner, G D Rose J I D Herr, J D Berty, S C

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (3pts) have

scored 303 for 8 in their first innings

Lancastire v Hampshire

"M Watchneon to Renaham ,
"W K Hegg not out
G Chapple tow b Udal

R J Green low b Stephenson . P J Meron not out

J P Crantey e Kendall b Stepherson N H Farbrother e White b Renshaw G D Lloyd e Whiteler b Udal

Excres (66, w1, r64) ______11
Tetal (for 8, 113 evers) ______303
Full: 1-77, 2-86, 3-133, 4-162, 5-235, 6-242,

7-243, 8-278. To Bat: G Keedy, Bowling: Thursheld 5-0-24-0; Henshow 13-3-28-2; Stephenson 22-7-64-2; Udai 29-8-102-3; Man: 24-10-61-1; Whitaker 9-3-18-0.

HAMPSHIRTE: *J P Stephenson, G W White. P P Witcher R A Smith, W S Kendell, M Keech, †A N Ayrnes, S D Udal M J Thursfield, R J Maru, S J Penshirk.

Middlesex y Worcestersbire

LORD'S: Worcestershire (3pts) are 328 for 7 in their first innings against Middlesex

Umphres: J D Bond and B Dudieston.

K R Spring c Fay o Tutnet

V S Solania c Brown b Fraser

Bowling: Fraser 22-4-56-2: Fay 22-6-60-2: Johnson 11-0-70-0: Hewat 17-3-57-1: Turnell

MEDDLESSEC P.N.V. Holles, J.C. Pooley, M.R. Ram-

prakash, "M W Gazzng, J D Carr, th R Brown,

J P Hewatt, R A Fay R L Johnson, A R C Pres-

EDGBASTON Warwickshire (4pts) are 412 for 7 in their first innings against Glam-

Warwickshire v Glamorgan

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SR Lamput not out

R K Mingworth not out

TO Bat: S W K Elig, A Shernar.

26-11-48-2: Weekes 6-0-28-0

Usophea: J H Harris and R Julian.

er. P G R Tutnest

to find the last time a North-east

club was crowned champions of

England. The historical per-

spective is brought into sharp fo-

cus by the fact that only one

English game. He played only the last seven games of the season as the £8-a-week goalkeeping successor to Jimmy Thorpe, who died from a diabetic coma precipitated in a goalmouth scramble against Chelsea at Roker Park.

med then that 60 years later the

T L Panney c James b Croft . S M Policik not out

D R Brown b Croft ______ TK J Piper e Cottey b Parkin

To bat: A F Gles, "T A Munton.

First day of three; 12.0 today

Pakistan won toss

"The medal went to Jimmy Thorpe's widow instead," Mapson recalled. Now 79 and living in Wiltshire, he added: "At least I played in a championship side. I would never have imag-

Total (for 7, 104 overs) 412 FeB: 1-11, 2-12, 3-120, 4-186, 5-186, 6-212

Sowing: Waden 24-5-105-1; Gitson 21-2-95-2; Parkin 15-3-56-1; Dele 11-2-39-0; Croft 30-7-83-3; Hemp 2-0-11-0; Maynard 1-0-1-0.

M P Maynard, P A Cottey, A Dale, O D Gibson.

RDB Croft, tCP Metson, SL Watten, OT Parlan.

Tetley's Challenge Series

LISCESTER: Pakistan, with seven second hadags wickets standing, are 243 runs ahead of Leicestershire.

PAKSTAN -- First landings 221. (M T Brimson

(Overnight: 28 for 1)

D L Meddy Ibw b Mohammed Alvam3

1 J Succifie b Mehammed Alvam1

B F Smith e & b Mohammad Alexin ______7
A Habib c Shedab Rabir b Mushtaq Ahmed23
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V P Clarke b Mohammed Akrem ,.....43
*V J Wels c Sagen Musheq & Musheq Ahmed 17

Total (\$4.2 overs) 199
Fall: 1.28, 2-49, 3-69, 4-93, 5-105, 6-139, 7-173, 8-173, 9-182.

Bowling: Ata-ur-Rehman 10-2-30-0; Mo-hammad Akram 19-2-4-51-7; Mushtag Ahmed

Bowling: Ala-Lr-Rehman 2-0-6-0; Mohammed Aksam 5-1-18-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 3-1-3-0. PAKISTAN -- Second Issings

*Asmr Sohari b Clarke

Salim Melik not out

Falt: 1-8, 2-71, 3-189.

for (M D Bell 64 no).

Shadab Kabir Ibw 6 Parsons .

Shahid Artear not out _______Seed Arerar low b Parsons _____

Umpires: M J Kitchen and G Sharp.

SECOND UNDER-19 TEST: (Worcester): England Under 19 176 (O A Shah 69, D G Sewel 6-47) v New Zeeland Under 19 128

TOUR MATCH (First day of four): Chester-le-Street: South Africa A 302 (N Boje 65, G F J Liebenberg 54, M W Pringle 52, I D K Sal-Isbury 4-62) v TCC8 XI 81 for 1.

13-4-44-2; Sagiam Musicaq 12-2-48-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE - First Innings

Unspires: J C Balderstone and V A Holder.

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It was not that he was still haunted by those days when

success in what the Northern Echo suggested in 1990 should be re-named "Soccer's Skumbering Backwater" even the cushion of a 12-point lead did not make Mark Jensen feel sufficiently secure to say his beloved black and whites would win the title when he was interviewed on Sky television in February.

North-east would still be wait-

So unaccustomed are they to

ing for another one."

Newcastle's form was appropriately black or white, like at Hereford in the FA Cup and seven days later achieved what remains the club's most recent victory at Old Trafford.

As Jensen explained: "I just think that to be one of the big clubs now you have to be up there for five or six years, like Liverpool, Manchester United or Arsenal. And if you do that you'll have a good chance of winning the title within that pe-

riod. I said I thought we would be champions at some point in February 1972, when they lost the next 10 years, and I stick by that."

Jensen edits the popular fanzine, the Mag. It was launched at the same time Sir John formed his Magpie Group in 1988 to press for boardroom change at St James' Park. "It was after the sale of Gazza," Jensen recalled. "All of the local talent was being cut from the club.

"It's a different ball game now, though. The club thinks be over.

things were put to bed."

Renshaw strikes on debut

Roundup

Simon Renshaw took two wickets on his Championship dedui in a battling Hampshire bowling performance at Old Trafford

Renshaw, a 22-year-old born on the Wirral, sent back Neil Fairbrother and Mike Watkinson in consecutive overs as Lancashire were restricted to 303 for 8 in 113 overs by an injury-hit Hampshire attack. The visitors were missing Cardigan Connor and Kevan James, so Renshaw and Martin Thursfield shared the new ball, with the skipper, John Stephenson, the other seamer.

The South African allrounder Shaun Pollock struck his second century of the summer as Warwickshire fought back against Glamorgan at Edgbaston. Warwickshire recovered from 12 for 2 to reach 412 for 7, with Pollock finishing unbeaten on 104, his first century

in front of his home crowd. Mohammad Akram staked a claim for a place in Pakistan's side for the third Test against England at The Oval next week To Bet: Ast Mutaba, †Mon Khan, Musitag Ahmed, Seqten Musitaq, Mohemmed Akram, Ata-ur-Refiman. with a career-best 7 for 51 against Leicestershire at Grace Sowling: Militis 5-0-15-0; Parsons 13-5-40-2; Britison 19-0-74-0; Clarke 7-0-42-1; Pleason 8-0-41-0 Road. The 21-year-old overshadowed Ata-ur-Rehman, who played in last week's second Test, as the tourists took a firm grip on the game. They dismissed Leicestershire for 199 and then reached 221 for 3 by the close to go into the final day with a lead of 243.

Ball now in Stevenage's court Non-League football

RUPERT METCALF

After all the distractions of a summer spent in the High Court, where they tried in vain to overturn the Football League's decision to deny then promotion to Borough return to the real world of on-the-pitch battles tomorrow.

The defending GM Vauxhall Conference champions kick off the new campaign at home to Halifax Town, the last club to be relegated from the league which their hosts feel so strongly they should now be members of. Like Kidderminster and Macclesfield before them, however, Stevenage will find it hard to retain their title - especially as their priority this year has been spending

proving their Broadhall Way stadium, rather than on new players. The close-season arrivals at Stevenage have been squad players, with the most experienced

being the former Slough and Marlow midfielder Neil Catlin. The good news for Borough, igh, is that they may hang on to last term's top scorer, Barry Hayles. "We have had plenty of enquiries but no firm bids," Paul

Fairclough, the Hertfordshire club's manager, said this week. In contrast to Stevenage. Rushden & Diamonds have spent heavily on new players as they embark on their debut campaign in the Conference. The Beazer Homes League champions, who set a non-League record fee when they bought Carl

money (£1.6m to date) on im- £85,000 on deadline day last season, have signed two more England semi-professional internationals: Mark Tucker from Woking for £35,000 and Kenny Cramman from Gateshead for an

undisclosed five-figure fee. Woking, runners-up for the past two seasons, are relying on experience as they try to go one better. They have signed the former Blackburn striker Simon Garner, 36, on a free from Wycombe to play alongside the 39-year-old former Chelsea forward Clive Walker in their attack. With Terry Howard (ex-Orient and Wycombe), Tom Jones (ex-Swindon and Reading) and Steve Wood (ex-Oxford and Reading) also arriving. Woking have the quality to win the title - but their toughest opponent may be Rush-Alford from Kettering for den's spending power.

Whitaker prepares for Touchdown Sunday unless he has "a disas-

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

reports from Hickstead Michael Whitaker intends to

ride two borrowed horses. Touchdown and Gammon, over the daunting course for the Silk Cut Derby here on Sunday - but he will have little time to get acquainted with either. Yesterday, Whitaker had his first competitive ride on James Kernan's Touchdown, who went well when finishing second to Belgium's Stanny van Paesschen on Mulga Bill for the Silk Cut

Tankard. "He's agile and very

honest." Whitaker said of the

stallion afterwards, baving de-

ter" in today's Derby Trial. Touchdown was lent to Whitaker at the beginning of the week by Keman, who has broken both a collarbone and a shoulder in separate falls this summer. Gammon was offered to him yesterday when his

sister-in-law, Claire Whitaker

(the wife of John) suggested he

might like to ride the 18-year-The horse has a fine record in the Silk Cut Derby, finishing second with John Whitaker last year, and was also equal second in 1992 and equal fourth in 1993. Gammon was brought to Hickstead as a mount for John's 16-year-old daughter, Louise, in cided to tide the 14-year-old on a young rider's class.

Today will see Van Paess-chen's first ride in the Hickstead Derby, but Mulga Bill, who looks none the worse for his recent Olympic efforts, is already familiar with the course, having completed it twice with his former rider, Charlie Moffat.

Yesterday's final contest for the Silk Cut Salver resulted in a rare tie, with Guy Goosen on Carat and Nick Skelton on-Sublime finishing clear in the identical time of 40.72sec. Skelton had helped Goosen prepare for this meeting. "His place is only about 10 minutes away from me and I go over occasionally, maybe I helped him a bit too much this time," Skelton said with a grin.

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